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COMMITTEE FROM THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL UNDERTAKE TO SETTLE RAILROAD LABOR DISPUTE

APPEAL TO ADJUST DIFFERENCES MADE BY THE PRESIDENT

Message Sent to New York Protests Against Strike "In This Time of National Peril"

APPROVES COUNCIL'S PLAN

Secretaries Lane and Wilson, Daniel Willard and Samuel Gompers Named Mediators

Washington, March 16.—President Wilson today called upon the railroad managers and chiefs of the employes' brotherhoods as patriotic men to reopen the questions at issue between them and prevent a general interruption of railway traffic "in this time of National peril."

The President's message, an appeal for adjustment of differences and a solemn protest against a strike, was sent after he and the cabinet had approved a proposal of the Council of National Defense that it send a committee to New York to undertake mediation between the railroads and their employes. At the same time three of the four members of the committee, Secretaries Lane and Wilson, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, started for New York to seek immediate conference with representatives of both sides.

Gompers' Whereabouts Unknown

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is the fourth member. Until tonight it was understood at the White House that he had gone to New York with the committee, but it developed that he had been out of the city for two days and that Secretary Lane, entrusted with arrangements for the committee's trip, probably had not been able to reach him. Officials at the federation's headquarters would not say where Mr. Gompers was, but explained that he had been keeping in touch with the brotherhood leaders from a point near New York. It was thought he would be in New York tomorrow if he did not get there tonight.

Studying Steps to Meet Situation

The President is confident that there will be no strike. However, he already is considering what may be done if his appeal to the patriotism of the men involved is futile. Legal officers of the government are studying the problem to determine what measures will be lawful not only in an effort to keep food supplies and the mails moving but to deal with an even more serious situation if the country should be drawn into war. The latter phase is being given only minor attention, however, as officials are satisfied that if war came the loyalty of all the railroad men could be depended on.

The president's action came with dramatic suddenness late today. The Council of National Defense had met at the War Department and, deciding that with the United States apparently on the verge of war a railroad strike would be a National disaster, proposed the sending of mediators.

Against the advice of his physician, the President, just recovered from a cold, summoned a cabinet meeting and in a short decisive session approved the course.

President's Message

The President sent his message to the representatives of the railroads and of the brotherhoods. It follows:

"I deem it my duty and right to appeal to you in this time of National peril to open again the questions at issue between the railroads and their operatives with a view to accommodation or settlement.

"With my approval a committee of the Council of National Defense is about to seek a conference with you with that end in view.

"A general interruption of the railway traffic of the country at this time would entail a danger to the nation against which I have the right to enter my most solemn and earnest protest.

"It is now the duty of every patriotic man to bring matters of this sort to immediate accommodation. The safety of the country against manifest perils affecting its own peace and the peace of the whole world makes accommodation absolutely imperative and seems to me to render any other choice or action inconceivable."

The President's message was sent to Elisha Lee, chairman of the conference committee of railroad managers; L. E. Sheppard, acting head of the conductors; W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen; W. S. Stone grand chief of the engineers, and W. S. Carter, president of the firemen and enginemen.

Notification Sent Council

Formal word that they had been selected to carry on the mediatory negotiations was contained in this message sent by Secretary Baker, as chairman of the National Defense Council, to Secretaries Lane and Wilson, and Mr. Willard and Mr. Gompers:

"At a meeting of the Council of National Defense it was resolved that you be requested at once to seek an interview with the representatives of the railroad brotherhoods and railroad

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MEDIATORS STILL IN CONFERENCE AT 2:30

New York, March 17.—Secretary Lane sent word from the conference room at 2:30 o'clock that the brotherhood men had left but that the mediators were still in conference with the managers. He said no further statement would be made tonight.

The brotherhood chiefs left the hotel at which the conference was held through a rear exit a half hour before Mr. Lane made his announcement. It was said, however, at the hotel which they have made their headquarters that they had not arrived there at 2:30 o'clock.

New York, March 16.—Secretaries Lane and Wilson and Daniel Willard, the mediators, were still in conference with the brotherhood chiefs and the railroad managers at 2:15 o'clock.

Samuel Gompers, the fourth member of the Council of National Defense named as a mediator, had not arrived.

NEARLY ALL ROADS PLACE EMBARGOES

Only A. C. L. and Central of Georgia Had Announced None Up to Last Night

GROCERS TAKE INVENTORY

Announce That Food Supplies Are Sufficient For Two Weeks or a Month, Especially in the Larger Cities.

Atlanta, Ga., March, 16.—Announcement today by virtually every railroad in the South that embargoes had been put in effect in anticipation of the threatened nation-wide railroad strike brought statements from grocers that food supplies in this section will last from two weeks to a month, at least in the larger cities.

Embargoes announced today were limited in effect, the Southern Railway, Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, Louisville and Nashville, and others generally refusing "dead" freight which could not reach its destination by Saturday morning on the lines of the road to which it was offered. Livestock and perishable freight generally was refused The A. C. L. and the Central of Georgia had not announced any embargo up to tonight.

Railroads generally were making preparations to continue operations as much as possible should the strike go into effect. The Louisville and Nashville made a special offer of insurance and other advantages to those of its employes who refused to obey the brotherhoods' orders. The food question which might become serious was the subject of investigation in many southern cities from which the reports had been received tonight. Memphis wholesalers stated that the supply of staples there would last two months. In Atlanta it was also estimated that the supply would last sixty days.

A. C. L. TO REFUSE FREIGHT TO CERTAIN DESTINATIONS

Norfolk, Va., March 16.—Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line today said that while no embargo had been declared on their lines, all freight for points on lines declaring embargoes, or becoming involved in the general strike, should one occur, would be declined for transportation by the Coast Line to connecting points.

General Manager Berlingett, of the Virginian railway, and local officials of the Norfolk & Western, tonight announced that embargoes had been declared on all perishable, explosive and inflamable shipments on these roads and that all other shipments will be accepted subject to indefinite delay.

The Seaboard Air Line, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern will receive shipments without restrictions when billed to destinations on the respective lines, but will decline such shipments to connecting lines on which embargoes are in effect.

EMBARGOES ARE ANNOUNCED FOR PENNSYLVANIA LINES.

New York, March 16.—An embargo, effective at 6 P. M. today, against all freight, except livestock, domestic shipments of foodstuffs for human and animal consumption, government freight and news print paper, was announced tonight by the Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington and the West Jersey & Seashore railroads. The announcement was made at the conclusion of an all-day meeting of the operating staff of the Pennsylvania railroad in the general offices here.

GERMAN MINISTER, STAFF AND CONSULS GET PASSPORTS

Peking, March 14.—The German minister to China and his staff and also all the German consuls in the country were handed their passports at noon today. A note accompanying the passports explained that the German reply to China's submarine warfare protest was unsatisfactory. The passports, the note added, were "for protection while leaving Chinese territory."

CONFERENCE WITH THE FOUR CHIEFS BEGUN LAST NIGHT

Neither of Brotherhood Leaders Would Define Attitude on the President's Appeal

ROADS OFFER CO-OPERATION

Vice President Griffing Denies There is Disaffection of Employes in the East

New York, March 16.—Three of the four members of the Council of National Defence prepared with the sanction of President Wilson to act as mediators in the hope of averting the nationwide "progressive" railroad strike called to begin to 6 o'clock tomorrow night, went into conference at 10:30 o'clock tonight with the chiefs of the four brotherhoods.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane arrived in the city at 9:30 o'clock and Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson nearly an hour later. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, had preceded them from Washington. No one knows at what hour Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the fourth mediator, would arrive.

All Night Session Probable.

It was the purpose of the Defense Council's committee to carry their discussion with the representatives of the brotherhoods as far as possible and then call in the members of the National conference committee of railroad managers. All the persons concerned in the conference believed it might last all night.

When Mr. Wilson arrived at the hotel where the meeting is being held he declared he brought no mandate from Washington. The mediators had no "cut and dried" plan, he said, but it was their purpose to bring about a compromise, although they had no idea along what line.

Mr. Lane reached the hotel only a few minutes before the leaders of the brotherhoods, headed by W. G. Lee. The hour set for the conference was 9:30 o'clock. The railroad men did not linger in the lobby but went at once to the rooms reserved for the meeting.

Mr. Lane declined to discuss the program of the mediators except that it was their mission to bring about a settlement if possible.

"I have not come here with a club in my hand," he said, "but to listen and investigate."

Secretary Lane and Mr. Willard held a preliminary conference with the representatives of the men pending the arrival of their conferees.

The brotherhood chiefs refused to discuss for publication their probable attitude. They admitted, however, that they had sent no message to President Wilson in response to his plea that they

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TWO MEN ARE KILLED WHEN BOMB EXPLODES

One of the Dead Believed to Have Been Bearer of the Missile

Explosion Occurs in Ante-Room of Suffolk County Court House at Boston—No Damage Done in Judge's Court Room.

Boston, March 16.—A bomb exploded in the Suffolk county court house late today, killing two men and injuring another. One of the dead was a janitor in the building. The other, unidentified, was believed by the police to have been the bearer of the explosive.

The object of the bomb carrier is uncertain, but the fact that Judge William A. Loring's session of the supreme judicial court was only 25 feet from the ante-room in which the explosion occurred, indicated to the authorities that this may have been the objective. It is thought the explosion was premature.

Except for the shattering of windows, no damage was done in Judge Loring's court, which was in session. The ante-room where the explosion occurred was damaged materially. Girl stenographers fainted, a jury that was locked up for the deliberation in a room overhead clamored for release, and a court officer collapsed, but order was quickly restored and strong guards were placed over both the court house and the nearby state house.

ROMANOFF DYNASTY IN RUSSIA COMES TO AN ABRUPT END

Grand Duke Michael Himself Abdicates After Succeeding Emperor Nicholas

GOVERNMENT LEFT TO DUMA

Is Placed in Hands of Committee Pending Meeting of Constitutional Assembly

Petrograd, (via London), March 16.—Emperor Nicholas abdicated at midnight last night on behalf of himself and the heir apparent, Grand Duke Alexis, in favor of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch. At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon Grand Duke Michael himself abdicated, thus bringing the Romanoff dynasty to an end.

The government pending a meeting of the constitutional assembly, is vested in the executive committee of the Duma and the newly chosen council of ministers. A manifesto to this effect was issued by the Duma committee today and it will be telegraphed to the general army headquarters this evening.

SOME SHOOTING WAS STILL GOING ON THURSDAY NIGHT

London, March, 16.—Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs under date of March 15:

"Late tonight some shooting still is heard in the capital, as concealed police reveal their whereabouts by opening fire from the roofs of houses. A rigorous search is going on and the police when found are given short shrift.

"Large parties of Cossacks are riding through the streets singing national songs. There are processions of all kinds—military, naval and civilian.

"Masses of soldiers and others daily gather around the Duma building where remarkable scenes are taking place. The lobbies seeths with earnest colloquies and mob oratory mingled with calls for patriotic work and self-sacrifice or with denunciation. At one end of the lobby is a rampart of sacks of flour. Here are piled boxes of cartridges and a half dozen soldiers lie sleeping there. Table after table is surrounded by students and soldiers busy keeping records."

MURGUIA COMMAND DECISIVELY DEFEATED BY VILLA, IS REPORT

El Paso, Texas, March 16.—Villa decisively defeated General Francisco Murguia's command at the second battle of Rosario, Durango, Saturday, according to information received here today by government agents. After leading the de facto troops into an ambush Villa succeeded in capturing one of three troop trains and killed and wounded hundreds of the Carranza troops, the report said.

HETH SHOT BECAUSE HE BETRAYED FRIENDSHIP

Counsel for Prof. Vawter Give This as Motive for Tragedy

Their Statement Says It Will be Disclosed in Evidence—Vawter Gives Bond in Sum of $10,000 For Appearance in Court

Roanoke, Va., March 16.—A "betrayal of friendship" caused Prof. Charles E. Vawter to shoot and mortally wound Stockton Heth, Jr., prominent society man, in the hallway of the Vawter home on the Virginia Polytechnic Institute campus at an early hour Tuesday morning, according to a statement issued tonight by Harless and Calboun and R. L. Jordan, counsel for Professor Vawter.

Heth died in a local hospital at an early hour Thursday morning; but in his death-bed statement said that Professor Vawter had no reason to shoot him. Mrs. Vawter has positively refused to make a statement concerning the tragedy.

Professor Vawter, accompanied by the town sergeant of Blacksburg and Prof. C. P. Miles, of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, went to Christiansburg today and before Judge W. M. Pierce, bail commissioner, gave bond for his appearance at the May term of the Montgomery county circuit court in the sum of $10,000. The bond was signed by Col. Sidney Sheltman, president of the Bank of Christiansburg; C. P. Miles and Charles I. Wade.

Shortly after giving bond counsel for

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WILL PREPARE FOR SPEEDY MOBILIZATION OF NATIONAL GUARD IN EVENT OF A CALL

OBREGON NOT TO OPPOSE CARRANZA

Mexican Officials Deny That He is to be Leader of New Revolutionary Movement

WAS RUMORED IN EL PASO

German Question is Said to Have Been Connected With the Supposed Movement With Diaz and Villa Playing a Part.

El Paso, Texas, March 16.—Reports of a new political alignment in Mexico with General Obregon leading the opposition to First Chief Carranza which were brought here and to Juarez by Mexican and foreign refugees from the interior, were denied today by Carranza officials. They said General Obregon was loyal to the first chief and that his retirement from the cabinet several days ago was due to ill health and not because of any political differences.

Obregon's name has been linked with Felix Diaz in rumors of the revolutionary movement with Villa having a part in the movement but this is doubted here. The German question is said to have played a part in the supposed movement as Carranza's apparent friendship for the Germans caused a number of his leaders to turn against him, it was said here today.

Officers of the American punitive expedition while in Mexico found letters written by Villa and addressed to Obregon offering to form a coalition against Carranza. Other letters of a similar nature addressed to Zapata also were found.

Recently there has been unusual activity among the old federals who were known to have been friendly to Felix Diaz. Rebels operating against General Gomez in Sonora are said to under Reyena, former Villa commander and former federal officers loyal to Diaz. The Diaz, or Felicista, movement has been under way in Sonora for several months. Obregon's friends were said to have had a part in it in that state, which is intensely loyal to Obregon who is said to be in Mexico City.

Villa partisans here were jubilant over the rumors and said the new movement would be in charge of the government in a month.

FURTHER GAINS RECORDED BY BRITISH ON SOMME FRONT

London, March 16.—The British troops in the Somme region of France have occupied almost all of the St. Pierre Vaast wood and 3,000 yards of German trenches north and south of the wood, according to the British official communication issued this evening.

SECOND REGIMENT IS DELAYED BY ACCIDENT

Held Up 48 Hours by Burning of Railroad Bridge and Wreck

Third Regiment Left El Paso Early Yesterday Morning—Wilmington and Charlotte Engineer Companies Delayed.

(Specal Star Telegram).

Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas, March 16.—The Second North Carolina regiment was ready at 7 a. m. to load, when information was received that a bridge on the Texas & Pacific railroad was burned and a freight train wrecked, causing a delay of 48 hours. The Third North Carolina regiment left about 2 a. m. The orders of the Second regiment to go to Florence, S. C., have not been changed.

The Charlotte and Wilmington engineers are delayed also.

The North Carolina brigade has been most fortunate in the fact that the brigade adjutant, Major Gordon Smith, of Raleigh, has proven a very capable and clever officer. He has been universally liked by both the officers and enlisted men with whom he has come in contact. Major Smith has been among the officers of the Second regiment a great deal and all are sorry that breaking up of the camp will sever these most pleasant ties.

Lieut. J. O. Barbrey, who had been detailed to the 10th division headquarters as aide to General Morton, has been relieved to return with the regiment. W. P. M.

Precautionary Instructions Sent State Adjutants General by War Department

WILL PREVENT CONFUSION

Department Determined to Do Away With Obstacles Faced in Call for Border Service

STEP NOT WARLIKE MOVE

To be Regarded Only Routine Measure of Preparedness

Washington, March 16.—In preparation for any demand upon the army that may grow out of the German crisis, the militia bureau of the War Department has sent precautionary instructions to all state adjutants general outlining the plan to be followed in the event of the calling out of the National Guard for Federal service.

The intention had been to take this step quietly and without publicity, but reports from various points indicating that it was being construed as meaning that mobilization was imminent, caused department officials to announce the instructions with the explanation that they constituted purely a routine measure of preparedness, necessary in order to prevent, if a call should come, such confusion as attended the assembling of guardsmen for border service.

In this connection was pointed out that the government is going to considerable expense to demobilize regiments returning from the border and which would be held in the Federal service if any demand for their service were expected immediately. It was reiterated that the policy of the administration in the present status of the crisis was to make no move that could be construed as a warlike step.

The circular of instructions advises the adjutants general specifically of the National Guard organizations in each state which would be summoned in case of a call. Mobilization, under the plan outlined, would be conducted by the regular army departmental commanders, who would be authorized to designate sites for mobilization camps other than those formerly used, if necessary, and to "make provision for shelter, recruitment and the formation of the recruit training battalions, in the eventuality of war." No units except those designated in the list sent to each state would be accepted, and each unti taken into the Federal service would be required to have the full maximum authorized, on war strength as prescribed for the regular army in the National defense act.

The circular also makes it clear that there is to be no dual status for the National Guard in the Federal service hereafter. It says no individual will be accepted who has not taken the oath prescribed by the National defense act.

Provisions are to be made for the taking into the Federal service of a certain portion of the state administrative staff of the National Guard of each state to handle administrative questions as to recruiting, organization and supply. This was not done at the previous mobilization. Complete Federal control of all recruiting and other activities of the guard is contemplated.

APPEALS TO BOTH SIDES TO AVERT CALAMITY OF STRIKE

Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Takes Action—Elects Officers.

(Special Star Telegram).

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—Raleigh chamber of commerce at a meeting and dinner tonight adopted resolutions declaring that the consummation of the impending railroad strike would be most disastrous and appealing to the patriotism of railroad managers and labor leaders for averting such a calamity when the country is on the verge of war.

Another resolution offered by E. E. Britton endorsing the course of President Wilson in dealing with the German submarine warfare was ruled out of order as already favorably acted upon by the chamber.

Dr. D. W. Daniel, of Columbia, delivered an address on "The Measure of a Man" that was most brilliant and greatly stirred the more than two hundred guests at the dinner.

J. M. Broughton, Jr., was chosen president to succeed John A. Park, and vice-presidents chosen were Judge J. C. Biggs and R. S. Busbee.

The War Department has definitely ordered that the Third North Carolina regiment, en route from the Mexican border, be mustered out in Raleigh.

Commissioner Hall Chairman.

Washington, March 16.—Commissioner Henry C. Hall was elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission today, following the custom of annual rotation in office.

IS SOME FOREIGN POWER BEHIND THE STRIKE MOVEMENT?

President Calvin Points Out It Would be of Enormous Benefit to Our Enemies

HALT PREPAREDNESS STEPS

Brief Tie-Up Would Prevent Coaling of Fleet and Stop the Movement of Munitions

Omaha, Neb., March 16.—President E. E. Calvin of the Union Pacific railroad today issued the following statement:

"In connection with the threat of a general railroad strike at this time, the question arises, is some power shrewder and more astute than the brotherhood leaders back of the plan to precipitate a transportation tie-up at this time and establish in this country a condition which, to the minds of our enemies in Europe, may seem like a revolt against our government?

"I am in hearty sympathy with Elisha Lee, chairman of the National conference committee of the railways, when he calls attention to the fact that the serious international situation should cause every citizen to put every thought of personal right or desire second to his duty to his country.

"In a letter addressed to President Wilson some days ago, the brotherhood leaders gave assurance that in case of war they would render every possible assistance to the government.

"They have overlooked the fact that in many ways a railroad strike in this country would be worth more to our enemies than the winning of many battles. Even if the strike be called off should war be declared the strike tie-up would have resulted in such a congestion of freight that weeks and probably months would be passed before the railroads would be in normal running condition again. This would mean that the movement of troops would be seriously interfered with and the movement of commissary supplies and munitions so seriously interrupted as to give our enemies tremendous advantage.

"A day or two ago an officer of our navy said 'a tie-up of the railroads for even two days would be a serious blow to the National welfare at this critical time. We must keep the fleet fully coaled and equipped with other supplies.'

"Moreover, we are rushing construction work in the navy and a two days' tie-up of transportation of the materials urgently needed might mean a two months' delay in the emergency work we have undertaken.

"The rank and file of the railroad brotherhoods have waited for ten weeksfor the decision of the United States Supreme court as to the constitutionality of the Adamson law, a decision which may be handed down almost any day.

"In accordance with our agreement at that time the railroads of the country have kept separate time records since January 1 scrupulously recording the increased pay that would be due their employes in case the Adamson law is upheld.

"Further the strike vote taken by the men was for a specific time and purpose and in the minds of many of the brotherhood men to make use of the strike vote taken last summer to call a strike at this time would be illegal.

"When we stand face to face with the probability of a war which will tax all our energy, it seems to me that in speaking of the plans of the brotherhood leaders to tie up the transportation industry of the country the people are justified in using a stronger term than 'ill advised.'

"It is impossible to believe that the brotherhood leaders who have heretofore shown real generalship will lead those who trust in them upon such a fool's errand."

AMERICAN CAPTAIN BELIEVES GUNS WOULD HAVE SAVED SHIP

London, March 16.—"If we had been armed I do not believe the submarine would have got us," said Captain Nordberg, of the American steamship Algonquin, sunk by a German submarine on March 12, in an interview with the Associated Press today.

"You must remember that we sighted the submarine when she was three miles away, before she opened fire," he said. "She was not submerged and made a good target. If we had carried but one gun at the stern of the Algonquin, I firmly believe we would have been able either to sink the submersible, or at leas tfrighten her off. As it was, we were easy prey."

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS IN SUPREME COMMAND OF ARMIES

London, March 17.—A Reuter's Petrograd dispatch says that prior to his abdication, the Russian emperor transferred the supreme command of the Russian armies to the Grand Duke Nicholas.

RUSSIA WILL HAVE OPEN COURT TRIALS

New Minister of Justice Says None of Old "Shameful Methods" Will be Utilized

ISSUES DECREE OF AMNESTY

Members of the Second and Fourth Dumas Who Were Banished to the Tundras of Siberia Will Be Released Forthwith

London, March 16.—Addressing an assemblage of thousands of soldiers and civilians from the gallery of the lobby of the Duma, Deputy Kerenski, the new Russian minister of justice, says a Reuter's dispatch from Petrograd dated today, announced that the provisional government took office by virtue of an agreement with workmens' and soldiers' delegates. The council of these delegates approved the agreement by several hundred votes to fifteen. The first act of the new government, M. Kerenski declared, has been the immediate publication of a decree of full amnesty. Continuing, the dispatch adds, the minister of justice said:

"Our comrades of the second and fourth Dumas who were banished illegally to the tundras of Siberia will be released forthwith. In my jurisdiction are all the premiers and ministers of the old regime. They will answer before the law for all crimes against the people."

"Show them no mercy" many voices in the crowd are said to have exclaimed.

"Comrades," added M. Kerenski, "regenerated Russia will not have recourse to the shamful methods utilized by the old regime. Without trial, none will be condemned. All prisoners will be tried in open court.

"Comrades! Soldiers! Citizens! all measures taken by the new government will be published. Soldiers, I ask you to co-operate. Free Russia now is born and none will succeed in wrestling liberty from the hands of the people. Do not listen to the promptings of the agents of the old regime. Listen to your officers. Long live free Russia!"

The speech was greeted by a storm of cheering.

ORDER IS FAST GROWING OUT OF CHAOS OF THE PAST WEEK

Petrograd, via London, March 16.—Russia today appeared to be in a fair way toward solving the greatest problem with which, perhaps, any nation was ever confronted. Order is growing with incredible rapidity out of the chaos of the last week, and the new government, gathering up the broken threads of national and municipal life, is striving to set the organization of the country in motion so that the conduct of the war will suffer as little as possible from the revolution.

The members of the new ministry already have assumed their posts and the government buildings, empty and deserted for four days, are again open for official business. The banks, all the commerial and financial houses and some of the factories have already responded to the new government's appeal, opened their doors and expressed a willingness to do everything in their power to effect as quick a recovery as possible from the paralysis of the last week. The soldier-policemen are guarding the streets, in place of the old gendarmes.

Hundreds of messages have been received from all over the country declaring the allegiance of important cities and fortresses to the new regime. Moscow, Kharkov, Tsaritsyn and Vologda already have formally acknowledged the new goverument, and, so far as is known, not a single section of the counery still stands out for the old order of things. Supported by unanimous vote, the present government is in reality a government of the people.

According to the latest information the executive committee and workingmen's deputies have reached a full agreement, or at least have decided temporarily to waive all minor differences until the meeting of the constitutional assembly which will decide just what form the new government of Russia will take.

Meanwhile, it is reported that the government of the country will rest for three months in the hands of a committee of 12, and it is stated that the monarchy, for the time being, will be abolished.

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executives with reference to the differences now existing between them and apparently threatening to produce a general railway strike in the country; that you present to the representatives of both sides the grave peril involved in such a situation at this time, and that you request them so to adjust their differences as in any event to lead to a postponement of any acute difficulty during the present National emergency."

Prior to taking up the question with the National Defense Council the President had been informed that the leaders of the employers and employes were waiting in New York to see whether he would take action, and had been also told of reports that at least some of the brotherhood members were not ready to abide by last year's strike vote.

Still Hopeful of Compromise

It is known that the President believes from his intimate knowledge of the situation gained while trying to mediate himself last year that there is no good reason why a compromise is not possible.

Both at the meeting of the Council of National Defense and at the cabinet meeting afterward the situation from a military and economic standpoint was canvassed. With freight traffic just partially recovered from a period of unprecedented congestion and with food prices constantly rising, a tie-up of transportatiin facilities for only a few days would result in terrible suffering.

All government officials believe that ultimately, through one agency or another, the railroads will have to accept the eight-hour day. While there have been no formal expression on the subject the calling of the strike without waiting for the Supreme Court to hand down its decision on the constitutionality of the law, has been generally condemned.

Drastic Steps Possible

Attorney-General Gregory and other law officers, including those in the office of the judge advocate general of the army, were busy seeking authority for the President to take drastic steps if mediation and appeals fail to prevent a strike.

So far as any attempt by strikers to interfere physically with the operation of railroads is concerned, in the celebrated "Debs case" the United States Supreme Court declared that the Federal government has widest powers to prevent physical obstructions at least to interstate commerce and transportation of the mails.

Eugene V. Debs and others of the American Railway Union, were defendants in an injunction suit filed by the United States district attorney at Chicago by direction of Attorney-General Richard Olney, in 1894 during the strike against the Pullman company. Debs was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for violating the injunction. He brought a habeas corpus proceeding to the Supreme court.

In dismissing the suit, Justice Brewer, giving the Supreme court's unanimous opinion, said:

"As under the constitution, power over interstate commerce and the transportation of the mails is vested in the National government, * * * it follows that the National government may prevent any unlawful and forcible interference therewith. * * *.

"If all the inhabitants of a state or even a great body of them should combine to obstruct interstate commerce of transportation of the mails, prosecution for such offenses in such a community would be doomed to failure. And if the National government had no other way, the whole interests of the Nation in these respects would be at the mercy of a portion of the inhabitants of a single state.

"But there is no such impotency in the National government. The entire strength of the Nation may be used to enforce in any part of the land the full and free exercise of all National powers and the security of all rights entrusted by the constitution to its care. The strong arm of the National government may be put forth to brush away all obstructions to the freedom of interstate commerce or the transportation of the mails. If the emergency arises, the army of the Nation and all its militia are at the service of the Nation to compel obedience to its laws."

HETH SHOT BECAUSE HE BETRAYED FRIENDSHIP

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Professor Vaweer gave out the following statement:

"In view of the account published by the press of what is purported to be the dying statement of Stockton Heth, Jr., as to the circumstances leading up to his shooting, counsel for Prof. C. E. Vawter is of the opinion that it would serve no good purpose for their client to make any detailed statement at this time other than to say that after a thorough investigation of the surrounding facts culminating in the unfortunate tragedy, the evidence will disclose a betrayal of friendship and confidence reposed. The day has not come when the honor of a Virginia home is no longer sacred and we feel that our client will have nothing to fear at the hands of a jury of his countrymen."

It was said here that the killing of Heth occurred after Professor Vawter had returned home early Tuesday morning. Heth, a guest at the house, was shot three times.

A doctor was immediately summoned and Heth was rushed to Roanoke to a hospital. Neither Professor nor Mrs. Vawter would give out a statement as to the circumstances leading up to the shooting or say who fired the shots. On his death-bed Heth told his brother, Lieutenant Clement Heth, that "Charlie Vawter shot me and he had no reason."

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GERARD ADVOCATES MILITARY TRAINING

Says He Was Shocked to Find That the Country Had Done So Little for Defense

MAKES SPEECH IN NEW YORK

Pays Tribute to German-Americans and Says He Would be Willing to Lead Regiment of Them in the Event of War.

New York, March 16.—James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, emphasized in a public address at the city hall after his arrival here today the necessity for military and naval preparation of the United States. "When I came back to this country," he said, "it was a positive shock to me to find that in the two years in which the world has been on fire we have done nothing to prepare for even a reasonable means of National defense.

"There is only one thing," Mr. Gerard continued, "and that is universal military training. That nation that stands opposite to us today has probably not less than 12,000,000 men under arms. I have seen the Germans take prisoner in one afternoon more men than there are in the United States army."

Mr. Gerard, who had just completed a 7,231 mile trip from Berlin, paid tribute to the loyalty of German Americans, and asserted that he would be willing to lead a regiment of them in the event of war with Germany and "feel sure that I would not be shot in the back."

The former ambassador said that he left Berlin with a clear conscience; that he had omitted nothing that would further friendly relations between this country and Germany.

MARANVILLE IS BEREAVED

Wife of Braves' Famous Shortstop Has Passed Away.

Baseball fans throughout the country who follow the fortunes of the big league stars will sympathize with Shortstop Maranville, of the Braves, in the death of his wife, which occurred on March 9. The sensational little shortstop's devotion to his wife prevented him from joining the team when it started South on the training trip. Mrs. Maranville was ill at that time and while her condition was not considered as necessarily fatal, Rabbitt refused to leave her to join the team.

Parmelee is Sold.

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 16.—The Rocky Mount baseball club this morning announced the sale of Shortstop Otto Parmelee to the Winston-Salem Club of the Carolina League. Parmelee has played two seasons with the Rocky Mount club and was a member of the victorious 1915 club which won the pennant in the Virginia League that year. The sale price is not announced.

CONFERENCE WITH THE FOUR CHIEFS BEGUN LAST NIGHT

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strive to bring their controversy with the railroads to "immediate accommodation" for patriotic reasons.

The managers' committee ade public, however, a telegram sent the President in which they assured him they would co-operate in "an earnest effort to avert the National calamity which would result from an interruption of railroad service."

Both Sides Reticent.

Both sides to the conflict continued the policy of reticence they had maintained all day. The managers were making plans to combat the strike if it is not to be averted through the efforts of President Wilson's representatives and the brotherhood leaders were simply marking time as all their plans have been made to meet any emergency.

Both sides expressed a willingness to renew their joint conferences but neither would make overtures to that end. It was conceded that the strike would begin on the eastern lines at 7 o'clock tomorrow night unless the council of defense mediators could bring to bear sufficient pressure to cause delay or mutual concessions.

The chief preparedness measure taken by the railroads during the day was the declaration of freight embargoes designed to clear their lines in preparation for emergencies.

New Haven Places Drastic Embargo.

One of the most drastic embargoes was announced by the New York, New Haven & Hartford, whose lines are not included among those on which freight employes, yard men and hostlers will be called out tomorrow and Sunday. Not only was an embargo placed in effect on all freight but it was announced that beginning tomorrow night sleeping and dining car service would be abandoned and all passenger traffic carried in day coaches.

Reports of disaffection among members of the brotherhoods because of patriotic objection to involving the gvernment in difficulties through a strke, were denied by L. G. Grimm, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He said that as far as the eastern territory was concerned he was in a position to state that the railroad men had resolved to strike for an eight-hour day and pro rata overtime pay and that no dissension existed among the members.

"I am thoroughly in touch with the situation in the eastern states," he declared, "and I have not heard any expressions of discontent against a strike. If there were any I would have heard of them."

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SPORTS

RED SOX AND AMERICANS TIE

Finish Last Half of Basketball Season Neck and Neck.—Will Play Off This Week.

The final half of the Y. M. C. A. basketball season ended last night with the Red Sox and Americans tied for first place. Both teams closed the season with a victory, the Reds winning from the Tigers 21 to 18 while the Athletics capitulated to the Americans 30 to 9. The play-off to decide the championship of the second half will be pulled off during the coming week.

In the event that the Red Sox win this game, they will play a post-season series with the Americans to decide the championship for the year, the Americans having finished first in the first half of the season. If the Americans win the game next week from the Red Sox they will be the undisputed champions.

Both games last night were interesting, and the first one, between the Sox and the Junglelfes was exciting. The combined work of Rourk and Rich, ably seconded by three other husky young men, was too much for their opponents, however, and the Redlegs went under the wire neck and neck with the Americans. Farrar was the star for the losers.

The second melee while too much one sided to be exciting was not without its thrills. No one could hardly be called the individual star of the game, although Hardee's work did seem better than that of the others. The winners depended for the most part on their machine-like team work to deliver the goods.

The line-up was as follows:

Red Sox—Rich and Farmer, forwards; Rourk, center; Davis and Kelly, guards. Tigers—Applewhite, LeGwin and Rhodes, forwards; Farrar, center; Rennie and Stein, guards. Goals—Rich 3, Rourk 5, Davis 1, Kelly 1, Applewhite 1, Farrar 6, Stein 1, LeGwin 2. Foul goals—Rourk 1.

Americans—Myers and Hanson, forwards; Hardee, center; Solomon and Gallagher, guards. Athletics—N. Davis and Fillyaw, forwards; Gerdes, center; McManus and Betts, guards. Goals—Hardee 4, Myers 3, Hanson 1, Gallagher 4, Davis 3, Fillyaw 1, Gerdes 1. Foul goals—Myers 3.

EXTRA SESSION OF SENATE ADJOURNS

Most of the 1,400 Nominations Confirmed—Colombian Treaty is Not Ratified

IS WITHDRAWN BY STONE

Stubborn Republican Opposition Made Its Ratification Hopeless—New Pact May Be Presented During Special Session

Washington, March, 16.—The special Senate session which began March 5 adjourned sine die today after Democratic leaders had secured confirmation of most of the 1,400 nominations which failed at the last session and had despaired of attaining ratification of the $25,000,000 Colombian treaty.

The treaty was unexpectedly withdrawn on motion of Chairman Stone of the foreign relations committee. Its provisions for payment of indemnity to Colombia for the partition of Panama and its expression of regret for the ill-feeling arising out or that incident had encountered stubborn Republican opposition which convinced the Democrats there was no chance of ratification. It is expected a substitute pact will be submitted during the extra session of Congress beginning April 16.

The session just closed was the first of its kind in many years which was not called upon to confirm a cabinet nomination. President Wilson decided that all of the members of his official family could be retained without the formality of renomination.

Among the hundreds of nominations confirmed only one met with pronounced opposition. It was that of Dr. Cary T. Grayson, the President's naval aide and physician, to be a rear admiral. No action was taken on the nominations for the tariff commission, made this week.

The outstanding achievement of the session was the Senate's quick response to President Wilson's plea for a change in rules to limit debate and prevent in the future such filibusters as that which killed the armed neutrality bill.

PENDER COURT DISPOSES OF MANY CASES AND ADJOURNS

Burgaw, N. C., March 15.—Judge Bond finished the business of the March term of Pender Superior court here Tuesday afternoon and left for his home at Edenton on Wednesday. While there were only a few cases tried by jury, quite a number were otherwise disposed of and the docket was pretty well cleared. Two cases against the Gary Manufacturing Company for fire damages were consolidated and the plaintiffs won a verdict of $1,100. Three cases against the Atlantic Coast Line railroad also were consolidated and the defendant won the verdict. The plaintiffs will appeal to the Supreme Court in the railroad cases. It is within the bounds of truth to say that no judge who ever held court here ever won the universal approbation than has Judge Bond.

Canfield Wins Tennis Trophy.

Pinehurst, N. C., March 16.—T. E. Canfield, of the Hartford Golf club, won the Pinehurst championship tennis trophy here today, defeating P. A. Fitzpatrick, Glencove, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

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FEDERATION OF BIBLE CLASSES MEETS APR. 3

Annual Gathering of Importance to be Held at Rocky Mount

N. C. Methodist Conference Adult Bible Class Federation to Hold Three-Day Session—Rapid Growth is Shown.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 16.—The second annual meeting of the Federation of Adult Bible Classes of the N. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, will be held at Rocky Mount, April 3rd to 5th.

The North Carolina Conference of the M. E. church has been paying especial attention to the Wesley Bible Class Movement in the State, and the various classes have been organized into a Federation looking to closer co-operation. The first annual meeting was held at Fayetteville, in 1916, at which time the organization was perfected with W. H. Newell, of Rocky Mount, as president.

There are 745 Sunday schools in the North Carolina Conference, 556 of these have organized Wesley Bible classes for adults, placing the North Carolina Conference second to the largest in the 45 conferences in the Southern states.

In the work of this organization especial attention is given to the organization of the "teen" age and adult classes in order that through them better work may be done in the various Sunday schools.

This great meeting is to be held in the First M. E. church at Rocky Mount, commencing on the evening of April 3, and continuing through the 4th and 5th. Attractive musical programmes will be rendered at the evening meetings, and addresses will be delivered by some of the most prominent speakers of the State. The morning and afternoon sessions will be devoted largely to round table discussion in which the various delegates will be expected to give experiences and observations relative to class and Sunday school work. A great number of ministers of the North Carolina Conference, as well as many prominent laymen of the State who are interested in Sunday school work will be present.

FIRE IN DUPLIN COUNTY

Large House of Old B. B. Carr Homestead Burned

(Special Star Correspondence)

Mount Olive, March 16.—The large house at the old B. B. Carr homestead, about five miles from here, in Duplin county, was destroyed by fire Thursday morning about eight o'clock entailing a loss upon the heirs who still live there of some three or four thousand dollars, which is said to be partially covered by insurance. The house was built about seventy-five years ago, out of such a class of material as could not be had today, and was considered one of the old Duplin landmarks.

The entire stock of goods and store fixtures of the Ward Dry Goods Company, whose affairs were thrown into bankruptcy several weeks ago, were sold at public auction here Thursday by H. M. Cox, president of the Citizen's Bank, who had been appointed trustee, and brought $7,575.

NEGRO UNDER SERIOUS CHARGE ESCAPES FROM PENDER JAIL

Burgaw, N. C., March 15.—Andrew Watson, the negro confined in jail here on a charge of criminal assault, made his escape yesterday afternoon and has not been captured, though several posses went in search of him quickly after it was discovered that he had made a get-away. Having been permitted to exercise in the room outside of his cell, he managed to remove some bricks from the wall, making a hole, through which he escaped by using his blanket to swing himself to the ground outside.

Trinity Y. M. C. A. Elects Officers.

Trinity College, March 16.—At the regular meeting of the local Y. M. C. A. in the association's hall in East Duke building last night, the following officers were elected for the year just now beginning: President, L. L. Gobble, of Spencer; vice-president, A. H. Gwyn, of Yanceyville; secretary, C. D. Douglass, of Rusk; treasurer, A. J. Hobbs, of Corapeake. All of these men are representative students and are identified with numerous student activities. They have been interested in the work of the Y. M. C. A. which promises under their administration to have continued success.

THEATRICAL

At the Bijou today there is a mammoth five-reel bill on tap—a bill that has never been surpassed for variety and quality anywhere in the United States.

The bill is headed by a mammoth three-reel Gold Seal dramatic feature, "Mary From America," a photoplay adapted from the story by Elizabeth R. Carpenter, and starrying those two sterling stars of the screen, Douglas Gerrard and Ruth Clifford, with all-star supporting cast which includes Francis Marion and Harry Crane.

There are many big events in Animated Weekly on today's bill, a total of more than twenty big items gathered from the four corners of the globe represented thereon. "Battling Waterfront Fire," "Germany's Envoy Quits U. S.," "Pershing's Army Returns," "Million Dollar Fire," "Capitals Wa/ Guards," are some of the big and interesting titles represented.

"A Novel Romance" is a rousing Victor comedy that is also on today's bill, starring that bewitching little star, Flora Parker DeHaven, in the leading role.

At the Grand Today.

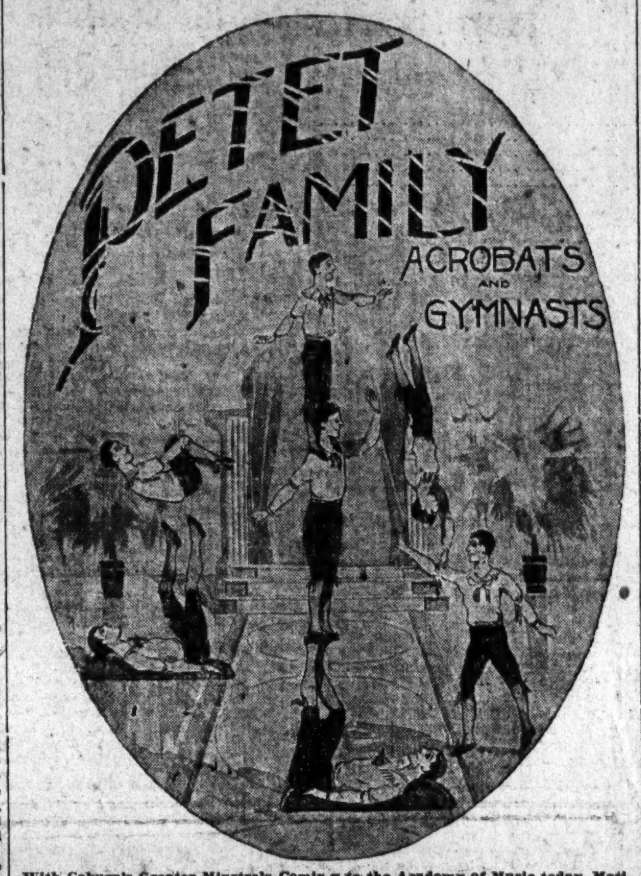
Today comes another great Mary Pickford feature to the Grand, this time her famous interpretation of the leading role in "Behind the Scenes," a fascinating play that contrasts the drama of life with the glamor of the footlights. Mary Pickford in the role of the little actress rendering one of the best characterizations of her brilliant career.

Miss Pickford gives a pathetic charm and winsome grace to the dainty little actress who is the heroine of "Behind the Scenes," the charming drama of theatrical life written by Margaret Mayo, authoress of the current comedy success, "Twin Beds." As Dolly Lane, Mary Pickford stirs the pulse and grips the heart and gives one of the best screen performances of her career.

In "Behind the Scenes," America's sweetheart is seen in many different costumes—and without costume in many dressing room scenes in which his piquant beauty and fascinating curls will enthrall every one. This production, one of the old stand-bys produced by the Famous Players and released on the Paramount program, is having a wonderful reception everywhere upon its revival.

Coburn's Minstrels.

That company who always deliver the goods, never disappoints and presents every season an all new production and performance. J. A. Coburn's Greater Minstrels will appear at the Academy of Music, matinee and night, today. It's the big fun show with splendid singing, a great quartette and real comedians who work hard at all times to deliver your money's worth. Manager Coburn is proud of past records and guarantees this the best company he has ever had. Don't miss Lucas, the popular basso, in new songs. Clifford, the phenominally musical baritone, and Charles Cameron as Princess Rainee, in operatic numbers. Pierce Dilleher, Earl Rowland and Frank Melville, tenors in the latest minstrel ballads with a fine male chorus ensemble. The famous Charlie Gano, the master minstrel; Charles Vermont, the ludicrous coon shouting leganian; Tom Post, the singing and dancing negro trombone cut-up; Bonni Mack, that graceful dancing impersonator, in new dances and impersonations; Harry L. Floyd, Earl Simons and others. Toledo, the marvelous Mephisto; Lynch & Boyne, the black bumpty humpers, unsurpassed in acrobatic comedy; an all new musical number by the Three Cate Brothers; the Ragapation Minstrel Four and Darktown's Preparedness Recruits, the big scream closing number by Charlie Gano. Hear that rousing closing chorus by Clyde E. Clifford and entire company and go home satisfied from a real minstrel of merit. The matinee prices will be 75 cents for lower floor seats, 50 cents for balcony seats and 25 cents for children to any seat in the theatre. The night prices will be 50 cents, 75 cents and $1. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's.



With Coburn's Greater Minstrels Coming to the Academy of Music today, Matinee and Night.

ALBERT COATS PEACE ORATOR

Selected in Contest to Represent the State University.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Chapel Hill, N. C., March 16.—Speaking on "America's Contribution to Peace," Mr. Albert Coats, of Smithfield, was chosen last night to represent the University in the annual peace contest. Mr. J. S. Stell was chosen as alternate.

Much interest was shown in the contest this year. The competitors and their subjects were as follows: W. H. Stephenson, "Humanity vs Group Alliance"; V. F. Williams, "Imperialism—the Disturber of the World's Peace"; A. M. Coats, "America's Contribution to Peace"; Tom Ruffin, "The Absurdity of War, the Reasonableness of Peace"; C. I. Taylor, "A Working Basis for Peace"; J. S. Stell, "A Practical Program for Peace"; H. B. Mock, "The Hope of Peace"; D. S. Spain, Jr., "The Unseen Empire"; and E. W. Duncan, "War and the new Internationalism." The judges were Drs. Wagstaff, Patterson and Stacy.

MARY PICKFORD
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(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, North Carolina, March, 16.—The North Carolina National Guard authorities announce with special gratification that Dr. J. M. Baker has tendered to the War Department the hospital at Tarboro, of which he is the head for the use of the government in case of actual war. The tender includes the surgical staff of six surgeons and ten nurses and all the equipment of the hospital that could be used in the government service, including fifty-seven beds.

The offer of Dr. Baker has been transmitted to the War Department and is declared to be a splendid example to the people of the State in the duty of rallying to the support of the defense of the country. It is pointed out that this is a coast state and in the event of war with a foreign power would be among the first and greatest sufferers of all the states of the Union. A quickening of enlistment for the recruiting of the companies to war strength is of the greatest importance and the enlistments are discouragingly slow, say the National Guard authorities.

It is an interesting fact that 45 women in this State have tendered to the North Carolina National Guard headquarters here their services for the War Department as Red Cross nurses in the event of war.

Appeal for "Safe Farming"

A special letter to farmers of the State is being spread broad cast by the State Bureau of Community Service urging that every farmer engage in "safe farming" this year in the matter of diversifying crops and raising home supplies. Special appeals are being made to community service leagues to spread this propaganda in their sections.

The farmers are urged to not be misled by present high prices of cotton and tobacco, when it will take as many pounds of 20-cent cotton to pay for a barrel of $10 flour as was required of 10 cent cotton to pay for $5 flour and a pound of 20 cent tobacco will buy less of 20 cent meat than a pound of 12 cent tobacco would buy of 8 cent meat—and so on through the whole list. Full corn cribs, smoke houses and hay lofts will be strongest bulwarks in war and most profitable investment in time of peace, says the Bureau of Community Service.

Important special appeals much along the same line, especially to stir up the local Community Service Leagues, are included in the letters from T. E. Browne, State club agent, and C. R. Hudson, State agent for farm demonstration work, their fullest co-operation being pledged.

Paroled for Operation

Having some weeks ago declined to grant a pardon for H. A. Hayes, who is serving ten years sentence in the penitentiary for embezzling funds of the Western North Carolina Methodist Orphanage at Winston-Salem while he was superintendent, Governor Bickett today allowed him a thirty days parole in order that the authorities of the prison may take him to a Richmond, Va., hospital to have a cancerous growth taken from his tongue.

The Governor last week permitted him to be taken to Richmond for an examination and, the operation being found necessary, the longer parole for the purpose is granted. The disease is said to be in incipient stage.

Pardons Granted

A number of pardons were granted today by Governor Bickett.

One of the most interesting of the cases is that of Lem Spence, sentenced at the 1904 term of Wake county court to serve 20 years for entering a house and stealing five dollars. Spence, at that time, was only 14 years old. He was granted unconditional pardon.

William F. Holmes, sentenced in Davidson county in March, 1916, for manslaughter, was pardoned on condition that he would become a good citizen. One petition asking clemency for Holmes was signed by every member of the House of Representatives of the South Carolina Legislature, of which State Holmes is a native.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
—KIPLING.

The Baltimore Sun calls 'em pussy-fists.

"Uneasy the head that wears a crown" these times.

Let there be no shortage of foodstuffs this season. The South cannot afford it.

"The German press greeted Bernstorff with coolness". The possibility is that coolness is another word for hotness.

It is said that eating onions will make a woman beautiful. Maybe that accounts for the astonishingly large demand in this country.

The paragraphers are notified that they have paid so much attention to Bagdad that they have overlooked the Turkey trot up the Tigris.

A jeweler in Lexington, Ky., is being complimented upon his fine window display. It consisted of a few Irish potatoes and other jewelry.

The government wants small men for its air service. Here is a chance for the men who burn up money in cigars and can't spare any for Easter hats.

We are trying to take care of two problems of our own but both are about to get our goat. Nevertheless, we are not letting either of them know it.

In his great universal history, Ridpath says the world is getting better. Of course, somebody is going to remind him about keeping history straight.

An aeroplane is perfectly safe unless it quits flying and falls in accordance with the law of gravity. Gravity is the only thing that keeps us from wanting to fly.

There is tremendous sentiment in Florida for the creation of Flagler county, to be named for the late Mr. Henry M. Flagler, who did so much in the making of Florida.

If it were left for us to judge by appearances, we would say that all the appearances to be seen on Front street would make us conclude that Wilmington is the beauty spot of North Carolina.

Rev. R. L. Davis insists that North Carolina is dry, but he ought to notice that men in nearly every community have no trouble in being able to see a flock of aeroplanes hovering around in their neighborhood.

The greater and better we make North Carolina the more attractive she will become to homeseekers from abroad. If our people would insist on being mossbacks, nobody would care to come and settle among them.

Charlotte is stirred up over a campaign for a commission form of government. Its opponents stand firmly by the aldermanic form because it is representative government, as opposed to the concentration of power in the hands of a few. The lines are being drawn tight, but please excuse us. We don't care to get anywhere along the fighting line in a municipal contest.

Well, since the great rank and file of the people are not postmasters and in the very nature of things can never be, it is hardly to be expected that the great rank and file are going to shed many tears or rise in revolt against the government if President Wilson carries out his alleged plan to have all postoffices of the presidential classes ultimately filled by men who pass a civil service examination and become eligibles on the list of the Civil Service Commission. In other words, the people are not worrying so powerful much.

FINE RESULTS FROM WILMINGTON INITIATIVE

More and more we will see the results that are following the initiative taken by Wilmington in organizing a packing house in order to give the farmers of Eastern North Carolina an opportunity to add livestock raising to their farming operations. While the Carolina Packing Company has been systematically proceeding with its arrangements to have its meat packing establishment ready for operation next fall, the farmers in ten or twelve counties are looking after their end of it in preparing to raise purebred cattle and hogs. Brunswick county is the first to come across with a cattle ranch proposition, as recorded in the following reprinted by the Southport News from the local columns of The Star of Tuesday, in addition to other news items recently carried by The Star in connection with the movement, from its Southport and Hamlet correspondents:

"That the Wilmington packing house has already begun to bear fruit in the way of bringing new enterprises to the vicinity is evidenced by the fact that a company of Hamlet business men, headed by Mr. T. F. Boyd, who are owners of Bald Head Island, are planning to establish a cattle ranch on the island with the primary idea of supplying the packing house with raw material.

"Bald Head Island will furnish an ideal place for a cattle ranch as it is sufficiently removed from the more thickly settled centers to make the proposition go forward on a more progressive basis and is within easy reaching distance to the plant. The island is almost primeval in its nature, being one of the spots of scenic beauty for which the lower coast of North Carolina is noted.

"While Mr. Boyd and his associates have made no announcements as to their plans along any other line than those of cattle raising, it is not at all improbable that they may turn their attention to the hog proposition after the cattle ranch is established.

"With a ranch within a short distance of their plant, and easily accesible by both river and rail, (rail to Southport), the Carolina Packing House Company should have enough livestock in sight to insure no shortages or shutdowns on account of them, as of course the farmers of the surrounding counties will raise a fair quota of livestock for this purpose."

Mr. Boyd's ranch is at the mouth of the Cape Fear river and the eastern front of it is washed by the Atlantic ocean. The island was formerly known as Smith's Island, but its name has been changed to Palmetto Island because palmetto trees flourish there in the wild state. What is known as Bald Head really is a sand hill on the island, so called because it is bare of the usual timber and flora growth abundant on the 5,000 acres of the island.

Mr. Boyd and associates bought the island several years ago and we doubt whether any body of land in this section is better suited for a large stock raising industry. There is some good land on the island and fresh water can be had in abundance. It is entirely surrounded by deep water and there is no way for cattle, hogs, sheep or goats to stray off the ranch. It has the peculiarity of being isolated, yet it has the advantage of water transportation from the Southport side to the very doors of the packing house in Wilmington, located on the navigable portion of Smith's creek at the San Souci suburb.

For the last year or so Mr. Boyd has been experimenting with hog raising on Palmetto Island and he has found it admirable adapted to the business. He has some 2,000 or 3,000 hogs and has found that he can raise thousands there at a cost that actually seems trivial. He had 1,500 fat hogs for market this winter and doubtless will have twice that many next fall. The owners of the island have found a good use to which they can put their fine property and they will begin to realize its real value when they get their ranch into operation.

Of course, the farmers throughout this section will see that the two packing houses at Wilmington will get all the meat animals they need. Farmers all over this section have been buying purebred stock for several months, and because of the livestock opportunity that Wilmington will afford by her packing houses and modern creamery establishments, farmers from the Northern and Middle Western states are locating in the surrounding counties to go into the business. They find this entire section wonderfully adapted to pasture and forage production, and with a stockyard market at Wilmington the result will be a continuous development of the matchless agricultural adaptabilities throughout the Cape Fear region.

MONEY AND KNOWLEDGE IN GARDEN FARMING

Back lot farming as an emergency proposition is all right, but in the larger sense that it is a money making and money saving proposition it ought to appeal to most every body. The profits on an acre of land are astonishing, and as proof of it the Jacksonville Times-Union mentions a Florida man who recently sold an acre field of onions for $1,500 cash.

He sold them as they stood on the ground and will have nothing to do with gathering, shipping or marketing the crop. He is interested in seeing them gotten out of his way so he can grow something else on his land. No doubt that acre will turn him in from $500 to $1,000 more by fall. The possibilities in one acre farming in Eastern North Carolina are about what they are in Florida, so back lot farming is by no means to be despised.

The Richmond Virginian of Tuesday contained an interesting report of the annual meeting of the James River Garden Club, of this city. The members grow vegetables and flowers, and one of the features of the annual meeting was the distribution of valuable prizes to the vegetable and flower growers. The results of last season's gardening were astonishing. The leading ladies of Richmond are members of the club, and they were all enthusiastic over the work.

The ladies have gotten to be such experts on subject of flowers, vegetables and cultivation that the programme consisted of addresses containing interesting and valuable botanical information and general knowledge about horticulture, floriculture, etc. One paper read was on "Planting a Small Place". Another concerned "Garden Insects" and the methods for freeing plant life from pests. Still another was on birds and their value to plant and vegetable growing.

There was a most interesting and excellent vegetable and floral exhibit and these intensely interested women showed wonderful knowledge of botanical nomenclature and plant lore, besides they manifested a genuine love of the science of growing and cultivation. Suppose an uninformed person were to endeavor to talk with these garden farming scientists! Well, there is a way to learn about the business and it is distinctly an educational as well as a decidedly practical proposition.

It is not difficult to observe that there is in gardening the advantages of profits, recreation and knowledge —any one or all making it worth the attention of anybody, rich or poor.

"BETTER OFF IN THE SOUTH"

Judging from the newspapers of several of the cotton states, there is to be another exodus of negroes to the North. It seems that Massachusetts is now considering the advisability of securing negro laborers for agricultural purposes in that state. It is said that there are many abandoned farms in that state and the only possibility of reclaiming them for agriculture is by the use of negro labor or some class of European labor that may be induced to come to America after the war.

Massachusetts is seriously discussing the advantage of securing colored labor from the South, but the Boston Transcript does not think well of the movement. It is free to express the view that "negroes are undoubtedly better off in the South, much more than at the North."

There are already large numbers of colored people in Massachusetts cities, and one leader of the race there is opposed to any indiscriminate negro immigration from the South. He favors it in a way but he suggests careful regulation for the business. In a communication to the Springfield Republican he advocates "a process of selection which would eliminate the riff-raff and secure the better class."

However, if the South has any choice about the matter, it prefers to keep the better class and let Massachusetts have the class that will furnish material for her "uplift" propensities. The Charleston News and Courier expresses the opinion that "the North wants the negro for what it can get out of him and is entirely indifferent to anything else." The News and Courier says:

"If it can, it announces frankly, it will keep out the negroes who are most in need of uplifting influences. How do the negroes like this sort of talk? How does it tally with the things the emigration agents have been telling them?"

It is quite natural for Massachusetts or any other country to desire the better class of settlers, buit it is a question for the colored people of the South as to whether they would better themselves by going North. It is cold up there, of course, but we don't take any stock in publishing unauthenic stories of terrible suffering among Southern negroes at the North in order to discourage them from going. Even if it is cold and some do suffer, they are going if there are better opportunities there for them. That is only natural.

It is a matter, however, for Southern negroes to consider very earnestly. Many are inclined to believe that accounts of suffering at the North are exaggerated to keep them in the South, but, be that as it may, they ought to be "from Missouri" till they find out for themselves. Many of the best colored people of Wilmington, among them the preachers, are apprehensive about seeing any large movement of colored people to the North. They are doing well here themselves and have no idea of going North. They want the people of their race to stay South, unless they "look before they leap."

Some of the leading colored men of Wilmington favor sending a representative committee of colored leaders to the North to investigate the stories of suffering that are published in the papers. That is a good idea, for they can get first hand information that their race can rely upon. It is a question of opportunities, after all, and if we wish to keep colored labor in the South, better opportunities for them and more cooperation with them in bettering their condition here will give the South a new hold on them. We know that the South is climatically better for them, but it is natural for them to want something to go along with the climate.

As a whole, the relations of the white and colored people of the South are amicable, while such disturbances as do occur in remote sections occasionally involve a class that is representative of neither negroes nor whites. Indeed, while such occurrences are to be deplored, they are not any more common as criminal factors than are the outbreaks of lawlessness in the North or anywhere else. They are exaggerated as a condition peculiar to the whole South in a racial connection, whereas they are isolated incidents, such as gunmen forays and automobile banditism are in certain large cities of the North. The real thing that can be said about it is that it is crime, just as crime shows its hideous head in any portion of civilized America. In the South it is a crime problem and not a racial problem. The North has its crime problem regardless of any racial consideration in the absence of a mixed population.

Christian and humane people in the South have the best feeling for the negro, but possibly we owe more of sympathy and duty and co-operation in doing uplift work ourselves in order to better the condition of the negro and bring about even better relations for the benefit of both races and for the sake of Christianity and civilization.

WE HAVE OUR OWN STARTLING SITUATION

In a time of world war we are hardly startled by the revolutionary overthrow of the imperial government and the abdication of the emperor of the largest empire of the universe. It is a day's sensation incident to the greater tragedy that Europe is enacting, so we view it more or less complacently in spite of the fact that it may portend the downfall of imperialism in Russia and affect the whole monarchial system of Europe. The trend undoubtedly is democratic but it cannot be accepted as an augury of democracy such as we know it in free America.

The overthrow of the Czar of Russia by force seems agreeable to England, where it is optimistically regarded as a help to the Entente cause. Probably the British government is best posted as to that, so Americans will accept the London view that the revolution in Russia means the downfall of a reactionaryism that has handicapped Russian co-operation in the war against the Central powers.

Nevertheless, Americans calmly see a czar dethroned and hardly take time to consider the far-reaching consequences. Indeed, it does not disturb the United States a little bit as compared with our country's grave apprehension of the Nation-wide railroad strike that is scheduled to begin this evening. In the midst of an impending international crisis for the Republic, a railroad strike of such proportions is much more startling than the bloody overthrow of the government of Czar Nicholas.

CROIX DE GUERRE.

The March number of World's Work contains a most interesting article, "Flying For France," written by a North Carolinian, James McConnell, of Carthage, an aviator in the American Escadrille in France. He tells of the exploits of the different Americans, their bravery and heroism, their thought for their brother pilots even while suffering untold agonies, their death. Of one, who by reason of his skill became a National hero, he says that of all the recognition he received, most he treasured a letter from his home town thanking him for putting it on the map.

Does Wilmington know that she has been put on the map by one of her boys who has been awarded the Croix de Guerre? This great honor has been won by Arthur Bluethenthal of the American Ambulance Service, and it is my privilege to quote the congratulatory letter of his French Lieutenant:

"My dear Bluethenthal:—I want to be the first to congratulate you on your citation so well deserved.

"'Arthur Bluethenthal, American volunteer of section No. 3 of the American Ambulance Field Service, has been for his companion a constant example of indefatigable ardor and ignoring of danger, particularly in June 1916 in the most perilous of the evacuation before Verdun, operated on a road continually and violently shelled, continued his example and excellent services in the Bois le Fretre in the summer of 1916, and at Monastir in December 1916 and January 1917.'

"This is the testimony of those who have seen your work.

"Very Cordially,

"DERANDE, LIEUTENANT.

Does this mean nothing to us? What should a town be but a large family which should feel a thrill of pride in any honor attained by one of its members! Personally I want to thank Mr. Bluethenthal, not only for maintaining the reputation and credit of my town, but for gaining for her new honors; and I would suggest that some municipal recognition be sent. Let our boys feel that "back home" we are following and watching their careers with sympathy and pride.

G. W.

(Some months ago The Star carried the news of the awarding of the Croix de Guerre to Dr. Owen Kenan, also of Wilmington, for bravery in the face of danger while assisting in removing wounded soldiers from the field.)

QUICK ACTION FOR STATE ROAD MONEY

One of the most progressive, beneficial and far-reaching acts passed at the recent session of the general assembly is the "Act to encourage road building in North Carolina by State's Aid."

Under this act a road fund of $400,000 is created each six months to be loaned to the counties complying with the act at the rate of 5 per cent. interest per annum, which pays both principal and interest on such loan in forty-one years. The first loans will be made on July 1, 1917. In order to borrow money from the State under this act it is necessary for 25 per cent. of the voters of a county or township to petition the Board of County Commissioners to call an election at which the proposition of securing such loan shall be submitted to the qualified voters. This election is to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 1917, and at no other time. A new registration of voters is required before such election can be held. For this purpose the registration books shall be open from Monday, April 9, to Saturday, April 28, 1917.

It is neecessary, therefore, that quick action be taken by persons interested in securing loans under this act, since petitions signed by 25 per cent. of the voters must be filed with the county commissioners and the eleceion ordered before April 9th. I should suggest that interested persons in the counties and townships desiring to borrow under the act call mass meetings, determine the amount to be borrowed and get a number of active men busy in circulating petitions for signatures of voters so that petitions may be filed in time to order and hold an election in the manner and at the time required by the act. In order to get money under this act the election must be held in accordance with the requirements of this act, and cannot be held under any other act or at any other time.

In order to save time I am appending hereto a form of petition which has been approved by the Attorney-General. This form should be used exclusively.

(Form of petition approved—J. S. Manning, Attorney-General):

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
.....COUNTY,

To the Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

In compliance with "An act to encourage road building in North Carolina by State's aid," ratified February 21, 1917, we, the undersigned qualified voters, being at least twenty-five per cent. of the number of voters registered at the last general election in ..... (county or township), hereby petition you to order an election to be held in said (county or township) on Tuesday, May 8, 1917, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters the question of borrowing the sum of $..... from the State of North Carolina for the purpose of constructing roads in said (county or township) in compliance with the provisions of said act; and we further petition you to levy and have collected the special tax necessary to meet the payments provided for in said act, if a majority of the votes cast at the election held as herein requested shall favor such loan.

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I shall be glad to send copies of the law and blank petitions to interested persons, or to answer questions or give any information desired about this law.

Yours for More Roads and Better Roads,

W. S. WILSON,
Legislative Reference Librarian.
Raleigh, N. C., March 14, 1917.

THE RAILROAD STRIKE

A Time For Sacrifice, Not For Selfish Betrayal.

(From the Baltimore Sun).

With the United States facing certain war, the threat of an immediate strike on the part of the railroad brotherhoods is amazing in its supreme selfishness and brutal indifference to the demands of patriotism. We have damned German sympathizers for their disaffection and agents of the Kaiser for their pernicious activity, but they are influenced by no merely class or mercenary considerations. The trainmen, supposedly composed of American citizens, coolly propose to commit an act which would throw this country into great confusion and danger and inflict far more suffering than would result from the attack of 100 German submarines.

Their attitude is in marked contrast with that of the Federation of Labor, which has just pledged itself to stand by the government and the country through thick and thin. The leaders of one organization are acting like full-blooded American patriots; the leaders of the other like men who care for nothing but themselves.

It may be admitted that the Supreme court has been slow in handing down its decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson law; it may be admitted that Congress has been derelict in its failure to pass the supplementary legislation urged by the President. But this is no time to discuss the question of responsibility for the existing deadlock, to quarrel as to who is most to blame for the non-adjustment of the dispute; above all, it is no time for men who are loyal to their country to take her by the throat and imperil her safety simply to enforce an immediate raise in pay. Such an attitude is sinister and malignant beyong expression, and we refuse to believe that it represents the sentiment of the rank and file of the brotherhoods.

The point now is not whether the railroad men are entitled to what they demand. They may be, and if they are, the country will be ready to sustain them in their demands at the proper time. But the point is that they are unwilling to make any sacrifice for their country under such circumstances as the present, and that they are willing to take advantage of a critical foreign situation to extort the concessions in controversy. If they expect to receive public sympathy, they are in for grievous disappointment. No man is worthy to be called an American now who will not make sacrifices for his country.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The movement of the Shipping Board for promoting the building of wooden ships ought to result in increased activity in the Southern shipbuilding yards, where material is at hand and labor is available in abundance. There should be an ante-bellum revival of ship-building at Wilmington, where the facilities are provided for operations on a large scale, and where ship-building can be expedited as almost nowhere else on the Atlantic Coast. The Shipping Board might profit by an investigation of the possibilities at the port of Wilmington.—Charlotte Observer.

CURRENT COM .. ..

A general railroad strike at this time, war or no war, would be a deplorable thing. The people of the United States, however, will have but themselves to blame. After the experience of last summer it seemed almost inconceivable that a Congress making any pretense to sanity could fail to take action making a repetition of the situation which then existed impossible. We were then on the verge of a strike which everyone knew would mean tremendous financial loss, great suffering and probable death. So threatening was the prospect that the very unsatisfactory and dangerous method used to avert it was generally approved, as a temporary measure. But the only justification for the Adamson law was the belief that it would be followed by legislation providing some permanent method of avoiding the dangers to the public of such disputes. A whole session of Congress has since gone by without any supplementary legislation. Despite the President's urging, the House and the Senate failed to act. The country faces again the same situation with which it was confronted last summer. The Senators and Representatives are to blame, surely, but the people who sent these Representatives and Senators to Washington are still more to blame. It took such an object-lesson as the recent filibuster on the question of the arming of merchant vessels to force a cloture rule on the Senate. Perhaps it will take the actual loss and suffering of a general strike to force sensible legislation with regard to labor disputes. Fools certainly learn nowhere except in the dear school of experience—and then, sometimes, they do not.—Baltimore Sun.

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State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

RECEIVER'S SALE.

By virtue and in pursuance of a decree made in a certain proceeding now pending in the Superior Court of New Hanover County wherein J. A. Rowan is plaintiff and the Atlantic Coast Veneer Company is the defendant, the undersigned Receiver, duly appointed by an order in said cause, will sell at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington and State of North Carolina, at twelve o'clock M., on the 12th day of April, 1917, the following described property:

One two machine veneer mill, fully equipped with electric equipment driven by independent motors. Also a basket department in connection with the same, equipped with the most modern machinery. Capacity in veneer three cars per week. Capacity in baskets one car per day. One vat capacity to hold 35,000 feet of logs, a main cutting room 70x100 with 600 lineal feet of shed room and sufficient land adjoining to enlarge the same to any capacity. No. 1 gum logs delivered on yard with a supply of the different kinds of hardwood to be delivered at the rate of $8.00 per M.

The plant is so situated that the raw material can be had either by rail or water in unlimited quantities. Unfilled contracts now on hand where parties will take veneer and output of mill sufficient to keep mill running for at least twelve months without securing additional contracts.

This mill is fully equipped with all and every kind of belting, pulley, machinery and equipment essential and necessary to carry on a first class veneer business.

In addition thereto the mill site, containing three acres of land, is in one of the best mill site localities in New Hanover County.

The Tide Water Power Company will furnish electricity for the operation of this plant as cheap as it can be had in North Carolina.

Terms of sale, one-third cash, balance in sixty and ninety days, title to property retained until last payment of deferred notes. Will sell either at public or private sale.

This the 12th day of March, 1917.

GEO. H. HUTAFF,
Receiver of Atlantic Coast Veneer Co.
McCLAMMY & BURGWIN,
Attorneys for Receiver.

FORECLOSURE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed, dated June 8th, 1916, made and executed by W. H. King, James M. King and wife, F. V. King, to the Citizens' Bank, Inc., duly registered in Book 80, Page 400, of the records in the office of the Register of Deeds, New Hanover county, North Carolina, default having been made in the payment of interest due on the indebtedness secured thereby, the undersigned will sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court House door in the said county of New Hanover, at Twelve o'clock noon, on Monday the 2nd day of April, 1917, the following described piece, parcel or lot of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Wilmington, County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point where the Eastern line of Fifth street intersects with the Southern line of Marstella street, and runs thence Eastwardly with and along the said Southern line of Marstella street, 80 feet; thence Southwardly and parallel with the Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet; thence Westwardly and parallel with the Southern line of Marstella street 80 feet to the Eastern line of Fifth street; thence Northwardly with and along said Eastern line of Fifth street 33 feet to the point of beginning. The same being a part of Lot 1, in Block 540, according to the present official plan of the said City of Wilmington, N. C.

Dated and posted this the 28th day of February, 1917.

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AND GENERAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted in joint meeting on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order a primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates for Mayor and candidates from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards of said City as members of the Council of said City to be held on the 17th day of April, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington and the City Board of Elections of said City by resolution adopted at a joint meeting held on the 7th day of March, 1917, did call and order the regular municipal election in said City for the purpose of electing a Mayor and one Councilman each from the First, Fourth and Sixth Wards in said City. Said election to be held on Tuesday, the 1st day of May, 1917.

Notice is further given that the Council of the City of Wilmington has ordered for both the primary election and the regular municipal election hereinbefore mentioned an entirely new registration of the voters of said City and that voters who have registered for said primary election need not further register for the regular municipal election.

The following named polling places have been designated and the registrars and judges of elections appointed for the holding and conducting of both said primary election and the regular municipal election.

First Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Engine House, Fourth and Campbell—Registrar, R. T. Darden; Judges, James Lewis, J. B. Elkins.

Second Ward Precinct—Polling place, Police Headquarters, City Hall—Registrar, W. W. Hodges; Judges, D. H. Howes, John R. Turrentine, Jr.

Third Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Giblem Lodge, upstairs—Registrar, L. H. Partin; Judges, W. G. Farmer, J. A. Austin.

Fourth Ward Precinct—Polling place, Mills' Stables, Dock street—Registarr, L. W. Warrock; Judges, J. B. King, John D. Bellamy, Jr., Jr.

Fifth Ward Precinct, First Division—Polling Place, New Engine House—Registrar, R. C. Cantwell; Judges, W. W. Sellers, L. T. Landen.

Fifth Ward Precinct, Second Division—Polling place, Old Engine House—Registrar, John Walton; Judges, J. B. Faies, W. M. Creasy.

Sixth Ward Precinct—Polling Place, Mann's Store—Registrar, J. F. Mann; Judges, W. A. Woods, J. H. Womble.

The said primary election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 17th day of April, 1917.

The said regular municipal election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on the 1st day of May, 1917.

Each registrar will, between the hours of 5:00 o'clock A. M. and 5:00 o'clock P. M., on each day (Sunday excepted) for seven days preceding the day for the closing of the registration books keep open said books for the registration of the voters in their respective precincts, and said registration books will be open from 9 o'clock A. M. until 9 o'clock P. M. on each Saturday during said registration period and shall be closed for registration on the second Saturday before the 17th day of April, 1917. No registration will be allowed on said election day except to such person as shall give satisfactory evidence to the registrar and judges of election that he has become of the age of twenty-one years, or otherwise has been qualified to register and vote since the registration books closed for registration.

On the second Saturday before the election the registration books will be kept open at the polling places in the voting precincts for the inspection of electors and to enable challenges to be made to right of any person to vote in said election whose name appears on said books, and if any person is objected to notice shall be given him and a hearing granted as provided by law.

The Council has appointed Registrars and Judges of Election as hereinbefore stated, and caused them to be notified of their appointment, and will cause to be furnished all necessary books and arrange for the ballots and will fill all vacancies occurring either as to registrars or judges as provided by law, and will receive returns from said elections as provided by law.

By order of the Council of the City of Wilmington.

THOS. D. MEARES,
City Clerk and Treasurer.

COAST LINE WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY

No Embargo on Freight Consignments Ordered Yesterday

President J. R. Kenly Was Busy Making Preparations For Any Emergency—No Orders to Strike Received By Local Trainmen

While no embargo was declared by the Atlantic Coast Line yesterday on account of the threatened strike, President J. R. Kenly, who returned to Wilmington from the North yesterday morning, and other higher officials were busy making preparations for any emergency that may occur. Local trainmen were still firm last night in their denials that they had received any orders to go on a strike.

President Kenly authorized the statement that the Atlantic Coast Line is taking what steps it can to take care of any situation that may arise and also that no embargo had been ordered. Officials of this line were still hopeful that there will be no strike. Vice President Lyman Delano, head of the operating department of the A. C. L., and General Manager, P. R. Albright were still in New York.

While the Coast Line ordered no strike, it was, of course, necessary in receiving freight going to connecting lines to accept it conditionally. Mr. E. E. Hunter, division freight and passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, received orders late yesterday afternoon to accept all shipments over his road that go to the Southern "subject to delay" and not to accept any livestock or perishable freight. He was also directed not to accept any shipments going to the North for lines which have declared embargoes.

While there was a spirit of expectancy evident both on the part of railroad men and the general public, otherwise there was no evidence locally that a strike had been called. Both the Seaboard and the Atlantic Coast Lines were accepting freight shipments as usual. In some cases manufacturers and jobbers hurried their shipments in order to get them en route to their destination as early as possible.

The trainmen in Wilmington who will be effected by the strike order were not so optimistic over the outlook for all the members of the different Brotherhoods remaining loyal to their superiors, and doubt was expressed in some quarters as to whether all the members, especially those who have been in the service for a long time, would take part in a strike, if one is put into effect. As to the younger men, there seemed to be little doubt but that they would all join in the strike.

There are several reasons given for this feeling, one being that with war clouds lowering over the country and with the general uncertainty of affairs, men with families to support will hesitate to quit their jobs. Another reason advanced was that the older men will also run the risk of forfeiting their pensions, which are paid to them by the railroads after a certain length of service. Still another reason given was that the older men, who have spent considerable time in the service of the road, have acquired a kind of attachment for the system with which they are identified that will make them hesitate about severing their connection.

Railroad officials declined to discuss possibilities in view of the rather indefinite nature of the situation. Some of the Coast Line officials were firm in their belief that even should a strike be called they would still be able to operate trains with men who would remain loyal.

GARRETT SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS APPEALS TO COURT

Man Who Shot Joe Gordon Through Door Sunday Goes to Jail.

Herman Garrett, the white man who shot and seriously wounded Joe Gordon, another white man, last Sunday afternoon while the latter was alleged to have been attempting to force an entrance into Garrett's home, armed with a knife, following a quarrel between the two, was sentenced to three months on the roads by Recorder George Harriss at yesterday morning's term of his court. Garrett served notice of an appeal to Superior Court.

While Garrett alleged that Gordon was endeavoring to enter his residence on South Front street armed with a knife, there was insufficient evidence to prove that Gordon had done more than step on Garrett's porch and the court ruled that this was not sufficient cause to warrant a man in using arms to repel a visitor.

There was considerable disagreement among the witnesses as to whether Gordon was armed with a knife or not. Gordon was represented by J. C. King, Esq. Garrett was sent to jail to await his trial before the higher court.

All other defendants were violators of the driving ordinances or other trivial offenses.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Southside Baptist Church will Hold Exercises on April 1st.

Many prominent Baptist ministers are on the programme to take part in the celebration to be held by Southside Baptist church of this city on April 1, in honor of the sixth anniversary of Rev. W. G. Hall's pastorate at the church. The full programme has not as yet been announced but it is understood that the musical numbers will be a feature.

Mr. Hall came here from Rocky Mount six years ago, having had ten years experience in the ministry prior to that time. Since he has been here he has built up the church wonderfully A new church and pastorium have been erected and are paid for with the exception of about $4,000, and the membership has increased from 350 to over 6$$, and the Sunday school has grown rapidly.

TO GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS.

Firemen Will Show What They Can Do With Aerial Truck.

The members of the fire department are still practicing with the new aerial fire truck and are rapidly becoming proficient in the art of managing the new weapon. As soon as they are thoroughly familiar with it in every respect, a public demonstration will be given in the downtown business district. This demonstration will be given either this afternoon or early during the coming week.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO RECEIVE THE SOLDIERS

Big Reception Will be Tendered Them Upon Return Home

Representatives of Different Organizations Held Meeting Last Night at the W. L. I. Armory—Parade to be Feature.

Arrangements for giving a big reception to the Wilmington members of the National Guard, now on duty on the Mexican border, upon their return to the city next week, were completed at an enthusiastic meeting of the represenatives of the various civic and patriotic organizations here in the Wilmington Light Infantry armory last night. Committees were appointed to take charge of the different features.

Mayor Moore and members of City Council together with the staff officers of the Second Regiment including the commanding officer, Col. John VanB. Metts, who will be mustered out in this city, will ride in automobiles at the head of a parade which will feature the return of the Engineering company. The Wilmington Light Infantry in uniform will act as an escort for the Engineers while the Confederate Veterans have been requested to participate in the parade.

Instead of having the various organizations take part in the parade, it was decided to have them assigned to different blocks along Front street. Suitable banners will be provided and as the returning soldiers pass they will be given a big welcome. For instance the Red Cross Society will occupy several blocks, the National Special Aid Society several other blocks while the Rotary club, the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations will be on other blocks.

The parade will pass up Front street to Market and thence to the W. L. I. armory, where a luncheon will be served by the ladies of the city. Mayor Moore will be asked to extend a formal welcome to the returning soldiers in a short address at the armory.

Several committees were appointed to arrange for the different features among them being the following:

Parade—Capt. J. B. Lynch, Councilman J. M. Hall and Messrs. W. I. Baxter, G. T. Swain and W. B. Schuler.

Finance—Mrs E. Fred Banck, W. I. Baxter and E. P. Bailey.

Welcome—Fire Chief Charles Schnibmen, Councilman Bradshaw and Mr. John Shinberger.

Mrs. A. M. Waddell, president of the National Special Aid Society, presided at the meeting last night. Among the committees appointed to arrange for the "home coming" were the following:

Council—W. D. McCaig, J. M. Hall and L. M. Bunting.

Chamber of Commerce—E. A. Metts, E. P. Bailey and E. T. Taylor.

Rotary club—W. I. Baxter, George Kidder and John Shinberger.

WORKMAN WAS INJURED

Mr. E. D. Craig Was Accidentally Hit With Sledge Hammer

Mr. E. D. Craig, employed by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad as a car builder, was seriously injured shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon when he was accidentally hit with a sledge hammer in the hands of Mr. A. D. Townes, another workman. Mr. Craig was removed to his home, No. 623 South Sixth street, where medical attention was given him. He will be incapacitated for several days.

MUCH INTEREST IN POLITICS

Other Candidates For Mayor are Discussed—Some Talk That Councilman Merritt May Resign

While the threatened railroad strike claimed most of the attention of casual gossipers yesterday in Wilmington, the approaching municipal campaign got a fair share and much speculation was indulged in. Groups of men could be seen here and there discussing earnestly the probable outcome of the election. There were no candidates placed in the race either for mayor or councilmen but the prospects of getting others in to the race was discussed.

There is still talk of getting a third man into the race for mayor to compete with Councilman Merritt and Mayor Moore, both of whom have already announced their candidacy. J. A. McNorton, Esq., was mentioned as a possible candidate but he refused to give the matter serious consideration. However, there has been a rumor current for several days that he might decide to throw him hat into the ring. Chairman W. A. McGirt, of the Board of County Commissioners, is still suggested as a candidate but he, too, has given no indication that he is giving it serious consideration.

The possibility of Councilman Merritt's resigning as the representative of the Second Ward was discussed in some quarters but only casually. It was suggested that in the event of his election as mayor, he would have to resign as councilman and thus Council would have to elect his successor for the remainder of his term, which is two years. It was suggested that if he resigned now, his successor could be elected in the election by the people. While this may not be insisted upon, it was talked yesterday and it was indicated that a movement might be started to request him to do this.

There is still plenty of indication that Councilman J. M. Hall is going to have plenty of opposition from the Fourth Ward. Mr. Jack Newman is mentioned as a candidate and it is generally understood that Messrs. Oscar Peck and H. C. Gaddis will be in the race.

Everything was quiet in the Sixth Ward though a possible opponent to Councilman McCaig is still discussed. In the First Ward there has been no change in the line up of candidates. Messrs. W. C. Boesch, W. A. Sue, L. L. Shepard and Claude C. Cashwell, Esq., are in the race and there may be others.

IS CHURCH DONATION OF A WILMINGTON MAN?

Adequate House of Worship Given Chapel Hill Presbyterians

Unnamed Donor Understood to be a "Distinguished and Greatly Beloved Citizen of Eastern North Carolina."

Some "distinguished and greatly beloved citizen of Eastern North Carolina," who desires that his name be withheld from publication in connection with the matter, is understood to be the benefactor who has just donated to the Presbyterian church at Chapel Hill a splendid gift sufficient to build an adequate house of worship on its lot opposite the University campus, according to a special dispatch received by The Star last night from its Chapel Hill correspondent.

According to The Star's correspondent, no authoritative statement has been given out by the officers of the church, but the fact of the gift became generally known "on the hill" yesterday and was hailed with great delight.

While The Star's dispatch does not state the name of the donor, there are circumstances that point to a "distinguished and beloved" citizen of Wilmington, whose name will occur readily to a multitude of his friends and admirers here and elsewhere in the State, who will recall the many former splendid benefactions and charitable gifts made by him, most of which would probably never have been made known to the world except through channels over which he had no control. His innate modesty in connection with such matters impels him to seek to have his name withheld from publication.

The news from Chapel Hill is of special interest to the many Presbyterians of Wilmington as well as to the community generally. The pastor of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church, Rev. W. D. Moss, recently spent several days in Wilmington and while here preached in the First Presbyterian church. He has many friends in this city who will rejoice with him on account of the good fortune that has come to his congregation.

The Chapel Hill Presbyterian church has a limited resident membership, but there are 197 students with Presbyterian affiliations, and the present auditorium is overcrowded every Sunday with University students. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Moss, is very popular with the students and citizens of the town generally.

INTERFERE WITH AMAZONS

And Three of the Latter Will Appear in Court This Morning.

Three colored women who started a little roughhouse on the streets near Fourth and Nixon streets last night about 10 o'clock, will wake up in police headquarters this morning with an invitation to visit Recorder Harriss before them.

According information available at police headquarters, Rosa Tucker and Daphne Carter decided to settle a little wordy war on the streets, and both were firing sulphuric broadsides into each other when Policemen Bullard and Thompson arrived on the scene and took a hand in the affair.

Before they could make the arrests, however, Bessie Brown began to interfere, so all three were given a ride to the city hall. Daphne is charged with being disorderly, Bess will answer to interfering with an officer, while Rosa will be present on a charge of being both drunk and disorderly.

SAXON TRAIL BLAZER HERE

Is Making Tour of Entire Coast of United States to Blaze Trail For the National Highway.

To promote a National Boundary Highway extending clear around the border of the United States is the work cut out for the Saxon Four roadster which left Washington, D. C., right after the presidential inauguration. The car arrived in Wilmington yesterday afternoon driven by Messrs. A. W. Schlabach and Fred Steibar. They will leave this morning for Charleston, going via Cheraw and Columbia. While here they were guests at the Orton.

It is quite probable that this highway will be recommended as a military highway for the rapid mobilization of war equipment when the time comes for the government to take up the matter of a motor highway as a secondary line of defense.

The car, which is a stock model and stock equipped, is carrying two passengers, and its task is to blaze a trail, completely around the country. The need for such a highway and the popular demand for a route of this kind, longer than any others now in existence and covering a wide range of scenery and climatic conditions, prompted the Saxon Motor Car Corporation to undertake the trail blazing.

In the absence of any adequate information of the roads which approach nearest to the boundary lines, the tour will be as arduous and as difficult as breaking a trail through an unknown land, and it is expected that five months will be needed to complete the trip. The mileage will be accurately recorded and also a record of road conditions will be kept, which will form a basis for future tours.

Basketball Game Tonight.

There will be a basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. tonight between the High School quint and a team composed of Y. M. C. A. men. The High School will line up as follows: Penton and Green, forwards; Rourk, center; King and Saunders, guards.

To Inspect Fire Truck.

Members of the executive board of the aldermanic board of Charlotte will come to Wilmington within the next two or three days for the purpose of inspecting the new aerial truck recently installed by the fire department, according to yesterday's Charlotte Observer.

FAIRY AND SHAMROCK AND "ERIN GO BRAGH"

Come Paddy and Blarney From Cork and Killarney

St. Patrick's Day Will Be Celebrated Today Wherever Dwells An Irishman—Hibernians Will Elect Officers

"Oh Paddy, dear, and did you hear
The news that's going round?"

The shamrock shall not be forbidden by law to grow on Irish ground today, nor on any other grounds where dwells a son of Erin, with his rich musical brogues his romantic shilalah, and his sweet rythmic stories of blarneys, fairies, haunted castles and the fair colleens of the "ould sod".

The shamrock will grow not only on the ground today but in the buttonholes of men and bodices of charming women. "Erin Go Bragh" will be rolled with sweet fascinating rhythm from the lips of thousands and will ornament the green banners that will be unfurled on the four wings of heaven through out the world.

For this is the day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of old Erin, and the namesake of at least 80 per cent of the Irish race. Where an Irishman is, there also will be St. Patrick's day and where there is a St. Patrick's day there too is the shamrock and the green banner.

It was St. Patrick who, according to the delightful legends of the Irish, drove the snakes from Ireland's shores forever and caught the last one and imprisoned him in a box beneath the sea, thus ridding the land of the curse of the serpents and robbing his people of a valid excuse for keeping whiskey in the house.

Then, too, when some of his skeptical followers began to doubt his teachings of eternal life and h—ll fire, he accomodatingly arranged for them a little trip through purgatory that would let them experience for themselves the punishment that awaited the wicked when they shuffled off their mortal coil. Part of the pilgrims, so the legend runs, came back and part of them didn't, but those that did return brought back sufficient evidence that St. Patrick knew whereof he spoke.

No one with a touch of poetry or romance in his or her makeup, can hear the greetings of the Irish on this day and recall the dreamy melodious songs of Erin without feeling a thrill of admiration for the sons and daughters of the land that has given us Killarney County Cork, the river Shannon, The Bells of Shandon, Kathleen Mavourneen, the shamrocks, the blarneys, the shilalahs, and other songs stories and names that skit along the borderland where with outstretched arms, the Goddess of Poetry embraces her favorite sister, the Goddess of Music.

Wilmington will do her part today to paying tribute to Erin's beloved saint. A lecture will be delivered at St. John's Episcopal church at 5:30 o'clock on "Some Lessons from the Life of St. Patrick." Numerous parties appropriate to the occasion will be held in various parts of the city, in private homes and under the auspices of various societies and organiaztions.

The Cathedral Auxiliary will give a St. Patrick's Day party at the Parochial residence on Ann street from 8 to 11 o'clock this evening. There will be music, readings and refreshments and a cordial invitation is extended to all who desire to attend.

The Hibernians will form in their hall at 9 o'clock this morning and accompanied by the Knights of Columbus will march in a body to St. Mary's Pro—Cathedral, where divine services will be held. After the services the Hibernians will hold their annual meeting in their hall and officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

Stores throughout the city will cater to the sons of old Erin today and the shamrock sprigs will be awarded the place of honor among all the flowers of the world in Wilmington.

So—

"Kathleen Mavourneen awake from thy slumbers,
The blue mountains glow in the Sun's golden light,
So arise in thy beauty, thou star of my night."

IMPROVEMENTS AT NEWMAN'S

Addition of Paintings Adds Greatly to Appearance of Cafe.

The interior of Newman's Cafe on Princess street has been greatly improved in appearance by the addition of a number of paintings by Mr. H. P. Giavina, an experienced Italian artist. The pictures represent a number of Italian pastoral scenes together with a view of a Dutch sea coast village, and a striking scene in the harbor of Venice with the city in the background.

The addition of the paintings with the coat of paint that has been applied makes the entire establishment much more attractive in appearance as well as inviting to the eye of the transient patron. The entire room has been thoroughly renovated and is now strictly up to date in every particular.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS

First of Series of Three Services at Y. M. C. A. to be Held Tomorrow.

The first of a series of evangelistic meetings for boys will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The speaker will be Mr. E. B. Johnson, who is one of the most enthusiastic and consecrated Christian workers in the city. He will have for his subject "Why." On the following Sunday Rev. J. A. Sullivan will discuss "How," and the closing meeting will be conducted by Mr. Odis B. Hinnant, city boys' work secretary, who will discuss "When."

It is proposed to follow up these meetings in the different churches and Sunday schools of the city and to make them count for all possible in the evangelizing of the boys of the city.

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Statement to the Corporation Commission of the condition of the

The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company

Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business on March 5th, 1917.

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans	$ 2,709,434.28	Capital	$ 100,000.00
North Carolina State Bonds	10,500.00	Surplus	200,000.00
All Other Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages	33,330.43	Undivided Profits	81,567.77
Banking House	50,000.00	Accrued Interest Due Depositors	5,000.00
All Other Real Estate Owned	2,300.00	Building Reserve	49,000.00
Cash	213,251.25	Discounts Unearned	25,000.00
Invested Trust Funds	91,500.00	Reserved for Dividend April 1st	5,000.00
		Dividends Unpaid	92.50
		Deposits	2,644,655.69
Total	$ 3,110,315.96	Total	$ 3,110,315.96

I, Jno. Lewis Williams, Cashier of the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. JNO. LEWIS WILLIAMS.

State of North Carolina. Correct Attest:
County of New Hanover. N. B. RANKIN,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of March, A. D., 1917. J. V. GRAINGER,
C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public. JNO. D. BELLAMY, JR.
Directors.

NAME DEBATERS FOR CONTEST

Representatives From Wilmington High School Selected For State Triangular Debates Soon.

Debaters to represent the Wilmington High School in the State triangular debates to be held throughout North Carolina on the night of March 30th under the auspices of the University of North Carolina were selected as a result of a preliminary debate in the High School auditorium yesterday afternoon. Four speakers were chosen, two of whom will represent Wilmington here in a debate with Goldsboro while the other two will go to Lumberton on the same date to appear in a debate there with a team from the high school of that place.

The same question that will be debated throughout the State was used yesterday in the local debate. This question is "Resolved,—That the Federal government should own and operate the railroads." In debating the question on March 30th Wilmington will have the negative in the debate with Lumberton and will defend the affirmative in the debate with Goldsboro in this city.

In the debate yesterday afternoon the Tileston Literary Society had the negative and was represented by Miss Lidie Penton, Stuart Cover and Owen Martin while the Bradley Literary Society upheld the affirmative and was represented by Misses Marie Bonitz and Eleanor Schuster and Robert James. Both sides put up an able argument and the speakers acquitted themselves with great credit. After carefully considering the speeches the judges decided in favor of the negative by a two to one vote.

The judges were also asked to select from the six speakers the four who shall appear in the finals with Goldsboro and Lumberton. It was hard to eliminate two of the speakers because all were so well prepared and presented their arguments ably. However, it was decided to select Misses Marie Bonitz and Lidie Penton and Stuart Cover and Owen Martin.

The debate was held in the High School auditorium in the presence of the entire faculty and student body. Each speaker was given an ovation and much enthusiasm was manifested.

Chairman Woodus Kellum, of the Board of Education, Emmett Bellamy, Esq., and Mr. John A. Livingston were the judges for the debate. Supt. John J. Blair presided at the exercises and Mr. R. A. Newsom, of the High School faculty, acted as timekeeper.

YOUNG MOTHERS

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27 in. Black Waterproof Jap. Silk at ... 48c

Jergen's 10c Bath Soap, cake 8c

Airfloat 10c Talcum, all odors, at 8c

15c Dress Shields, assorted sizes, at ... 10c

25c Baby's Rubber Diapers at 19c

Misses' and Boys' Ribbed Black Hose, all sizes, 15c kind at 10c

25c to 50c Baby Caps, slightly soiled, at 10c

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$7.50 Silk Poplin Dresses, all colors, $4.98

Ladies' 65 to 75c Ribbed Gauze Union Suits, at 48c

Men's 35c Open Mesh Underwear at ... 23c

Men's 65 to 75c Soft Collar Shirts; only a few sizes at 48c

Men's $1.25 Indigo Blue Overalls at ... 98c

4 1-4x4 1-2 Linoleum Art Squares at ... 98c

6x12 Linoleum Art Squares $3.95

27x54 Japanese Art Rugs at 25c

Ladies' $2.50 Patent Leather Pumps, low or high heels, sizes 2 1-2 to 8, at ... $1.98

Ladies' $2.00 Patent Leather High Heel Pumps, all sizes, at $1.69

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SOCIAL

Miss Nellie Durham, who has been visiting in Norfolk, Va., has returned to the city.

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Mount Olive Tribune: "Mrs. Lester Newell, of Wilmington, spent Sunday here as a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Breazeale."

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The educational committee of the Cathedral Auxiliary will hold a rummage sale this afternoon in the store at Fourth and Campbell streets.

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"Some Lessons from the life of St. Patrick" is the subject of an address to be delivered at St. John's church this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

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Rev. W. V. McRae, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, will conduct the vesper services at the Young Women's Christian Association tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The subject will be "Preparedness." Mrs. George Boylan will sing a solo and there will be other features. All women of the city are cordially invited to attend.

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The Epworth League of Bladen Street Methodist church held a delightful meeting in the church building last evening that was largely attended. An interesting programme of music, songs, and recitations was rendered. The members of the league are very enthusiastic over the interest that is being displayed in the organization, and rejoice that it is in such a flourishing condition as it is.

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JUNIOR MEMBERS HAVE AN ENJOYABLE PARTY AT Y. W. C. A.

About 50 Junior members of the Young Women's Christian Association were most delightfully entertained last evening in the gymnasium of the association at a St. Patrick's day party. The building was artistically decorated with the shamrock and green colors while those attending were dressed in quaint Irish costumes. The evening was spent most pleasantly in playing games and closed with an old fashioned spelling match. Delicious refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served by members of the social committee.

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DELIGHTFUL CONCERT AT CALVARY CHURCH LAST NIGHT

The choir of the Southside Baptist church, assisted by their friends, rendered a delightful concert in the church last night. One of the most charming features of the evening was the tableaux and chorus, "The Star Spangled Banner." The girls taking part were dressed in the Stars and Stripes and waving American flags. Following was the programme:

1. Instrumental, Mrs. C. C. VanLandingham.
2. "Star of the East," Girls' Chorus.
3. Reading, Miss Sullivan.
4. "Little Volunteers," by the Sunbeams.
5. Solo, Miss Holmes.
6. "Peaceful By Thy Sleep," Male Quartette.
7. Reading, Mrs. S. F. Garrison.
8. "Shadows," Quartette and Chorus.
9. Solo, Mrs. Laughridge.
10. "Pretty Little Daisy," Male Quartette.
11. "Come Unto Me," Misses Nixon, (trio).
12. Solo, Mrs. C. Y. DeVaun.
13. "The Star Spangled Banner," Tableaux and Chorus.
14. Offering.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

—Mr. J. M. Bass spent yesterday in Kenansville on business.

—Mr. R. E. L. Brown, of Chadbourn, was a business visifor in the city yesterday.

—Among the arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: J. F. Bussels, Southport; C. H. Cothran, Dixon; J. D. Patterson, New Bern; H. C. Davis, Charlotte.

—Among the arrivals at the Wilmington yesterday were: P. A. Barr, Lincolnton; L. G. Berry, Charlotte; J. M. Dalton, Winston-Salem; E. G. Rountree, Raleigh.

—Friends of Mr. Malcolm Little, principal of the Wilmington High School, who has been confined to his home for the last several days, will be glad to know that he is much improved.

—Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor of the Dock Street Christian church, has returned from a visit of several days to New Bern. While in that city he attended the annual convention of the head camp of the Woodmen of the World for North Carolina.

—Mr. G. A. Cardwell, agricultural and immigration agent of the Atlantic Coast Line, returned yesterday from Charlotte, where he attended a meeting of members of the executive committee from the western part of the State for the Livestock Exposition and Conference to be held in Wilmington, March 28 and 29.

"PIG CLUB" IS STARTED

Wilmington Bank Co-Operating With Farm Demonstrator in Plan.

Plans for raising the standard of hogs and pigs being produced in New Hanover county are being arranged by the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company, assisted by Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator. The bank agrees to furnish free of charge to a list of boys which Mr. Herring has interested a thoroughbred pig, which the lad will take and raise. When the hog is killed or sold, the boy agrees to reimburse the bank for the cost of the pig while he gets as his profit the difference between the cost of the pig and the full grown hog. To further encourage the boys the bank offers a prize to the boy who succeeds in raising the biggest hog at the least expense.

This plan is not original with the Wilmington Savings & Trust Company, as it has been tried in other parts of the State and South with unfailing success. It is the plan, it is understood, of the bank to increase from year to year the number of thoroughbred pigs distributed and it can be readily seen how the average of New Hanover stock will be raised by the importation of numbers of thoroughbreds each year.

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THE SECOND MAY YET BE DISBANDED HERE

Adjutant General Makes Inquiry As to Facilities

Chamber Will Make Effort This Morning to Secure Place—Raleigh and Goldsboro Are Also Bidding for the Honor.

In response to a telephone message from the Adjutant General at Raleigh inquiring as to what facilities Wilmington could offer as a mustering-out point for the Second Regiment of the North Carolina National Guard a committee from the Chamber of Commerce will endeavor this morning to secure proper buildings and grounds to be placed at the disposal of the guardsmen should Wilmington be chosen.

Just what change in plans has been made that puts Wilmington again into the running for the honor of being the distributing point for the returning guardsmen is unknown. According to advices from Senator Overman to the Chamber of Commerce a few days ago, General Wood had refused to change his original plan to have the regiment divided at Florence S. C., and each unit mustered out at its home station.

That some change has been made in the plans, however, is evidenced by the fact that the adjutant general last night called the secretary of the local Chamber and asked as to what facilities Wilmington could offer in the event that this city was chosen as the mustering-out point for the regiment. A committee headed by Mr. E. A. Metts at once got busy in an effort to secure some suitable place and will continue their work this morning and will make a report to the Adjutant General today.

Both Raleigh and Goldsboro, it is understood, are seeking the honor and both have made offers. Goldsboro has proffered the soldiers the use of the Wayne County Fair grounds and a committee representing the Adjutant General will go to Goldsboro today to investigate, and it is to this committee that the Wilmington Chamber will report.

Raleigh was originally intended as the distributing point of the Third regiment but later developments seem to have given that honor to Durham and thus made Raleigh one of the logical candidates for disbanding the Second regiment.

The regiment has been delayed for 48 hours by a burned bridge on the Texas & Pacific railroad and will hardly leave the border before tomorrow night.

WOODUS KELLUM, ESQ., WILL PRESENT FLAG TO SCHOOL

Exercises Will be Held at Vista School Tomorrow by Juniors.

The address in connection with the presentation of a flag and Bible by the two Wilmington councils of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics to the Vista school tomorrow will be made by Woodus Kellum, Esq., of Jeff Davis Council, while J. A. McNorton, Esq., of George Washington Council, will introduce Mr. Kellum. Rev. T. C. Ellers, of this city, will preside at the exercises which will be held at the school at 11 o'clock.

A large delegation of Juniors is expected to attend the exercises in connection with the presentation of the Bible and the flag raising. They will leave Third and Princess streets in automobiles at 9 o'clock. Miss Nellie MacMillan is the teacher of the school and she and the people of the community are planning a big reception for the visitors. Following the flag raising an oyster roast will be served. A most enjoyable time is looked forward to.

Real Estate Transfers.

The following deeds were filed for record yesterday in the office of the Register of Deeds: O. C. Hill and wife to W. J. Reaves, for $10 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Fifth Avenue, 195 feet south of Orange, 31 1-2 by 90 feet in size; W. J. Reaves to O. C. Hill and wife, for $100 and other considerations, lot at Winter Park Gardens; W. M. Cumming and wife, et al, to S. M. Noble, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Dock street, 99 feet east of 13th, 33 by 75 feet in size; W. M. Cumming and wife to S. M. Noble, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Dock street, 132 feet east of 13th, 33 by 150 feet in size; J. W. Westbrook and wife to J. H. Salling, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the west side of Sixth street, 132 feet north of Hanover; R. G. Grady and wife to H. F. Wilder, for $100 and other considerations, lot on the northeast side of Eighth and Wright streets, 66 by 88 feet in size.

LOCAL DOTS

—It is understood that the serious shortage of raw material that has been the source of considerable annoyment on the part of local fertilizer mills, during the past few weeks, has been in a measure alleviated.

—Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of Grace Methodist church, and Rev. J. H. McCracken, pastor of Fifth Avenue Methodist church together with a number of laymen will attend the second annual meeting of the Federation of Adult Bible Classes of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church, which will convene at Rocky Mount on April 3.

ESCAPES DEATH CHAIR

Wesley Clark of Edgecombe, Gets Commutation of Sentence

Raleigh, N. C., March. 16.—Wesley Clark, of Edgecombe county, who was under sentence to be electrocuted for murder has received a commutation to fifteen years in the State's Prison at the hands of Governor Bickett, who says that a grave question has arisen as to the facts in the case according to the recommendation of members of the Supreme Court. It is for this reason that the commutation is granted.

Rev. Mr. Shore at Shallotte.

Shallotte, N. C., March 16.—Presiding Elder J. H. Shore, of Wilmington, was here Saturday to hold quarterly meeting service in the Methodist church. This was his first time with us since being assigned to the Wilmington district, and that his sermons were enjoyed was shown by the large and attentive congregations that heard him at the Sunday services.

SUNDAY SERVICES

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 and in the evening at 8. Sabbath school in the afternoon at 3:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 4:30. Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor at 7:15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Seats free. All welcome.

Pearsall Memorial Presbyterian church, East Wilmington, Rev. H. W. Koelling, pastor.—Sabbath school at 10:30 in the morning. Preaching at 11:15. Christian Endeavor at 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. A welcome for all.

Harnett Street Mission, Eighth and Harnett streets, Rev. W. M. Baker, evangelist in charge.—Sabbath school at 9:30 in the morning. Preaching each second and Fourth Sabbaths at 7:30 in the evening.

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11 on "The Sixth Commandment" and in the evening at 8 on "Philip at Samoria." Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Pews are free and all are cordially invited to attend these services.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30 and Christian Endeavor Society at 7:15. Midweek prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:45. Visitors will find a cordial welcome at these services.

Delgado Presbyterian church—Services Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 11. Midweek prayer service Thursday evening at 7:30. Residents of the neighborhood are heartily invited to attend the services.

RED SPRINGS MAN IN HOSPITAL IN FAYETTEVILLE UNCONSCIOUS

Edwin Callahan Injured In Robeson Fox Hunting in Automobile.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., March 16.—Edwin Callahan, aged 30, of Red Springs, is lying unconscious in the Highsmith hospital in this city, suffering from what may be concussion of the brain, sustained when he and a companion encountered a hole in a Robeson county road while fox hunting in an automobile. Callahan and Rufus McQueen were following the hounds in a car Wednesday night when the machine, going at a high rate of speed, struck the hole and turned over, injuring both the occupants. Callahan received a blow on the temple which rendered him unconscious. McQueen's shoulder was injured. The young men were found by other members of the hunting party and Callahan was later brought to Fayetteville. He has never regained consciousness. He is a brother of Mrs. William Horne, of this city, who with other relatives is at his bedside.

This is the sixth automobile accident which has occurred in this vicinity recently, in which fatalities have narrowly been averted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE AT BURGAW A SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Burgaw, N. C., March 16.—The Sunday school institute held here Tuesday was very instructive and a most enjoyable affair, The Burgaw ladies served a picnic dinner on the grounds, and of course maintained their reputation for serving something good. The principal speakers were Col. Walker Taylor, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, Rev. J. S. Crowley and Rev. A. J. Howell, of Wilmington, and Hon. J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, all of whome delivered most inspiring and instructive addresses. The attendance would probably have been larger but for the fact that court was in session.

War News Summary

Continuing their attack on the German lines in the center of the Somme region in France, British troops have gained further successes. Almost all of the St. Pierre Vaast wood, the scene of previous heavy battles between French and German forces, has been occupied, says the official statement from the British war office.

German trenches on a front of 3,000 yards north and south of the wood also were taken, the communication adds. The St. Pierre Vaast wood lies about midway between Bapaume and Peronne, and its possession by the British would increase the menace to these strong points in the German defense. The wood dominates the outlying positions north of Peronne.

Berlin reports numerous German raids on the Ancre, Somme and other sectors in France, from which prisoners were brought in.

French troops continue to make progress on both sides of the Avre. In Champagne the French carried out a surprise attack east of the Butte De Souain.

Renewed activity in Macedonia in the region of Monastir is reported by Berlin, which says the French attacked east of that town and were successful in entering German trenches, but at only one point.

While the British troops are advancing up the Diala river from Bagdad, Russian troops have occupied a height west of Kermanshah, Persia. British forces have taken part of the town of Bukubah, 30 miles northeast of Bagdad and on the main road to Kermanshah. The Turkish forces continue their retreat up the right bank of the Tigris from Bagdad.

German airships have renewed their attacks on southeastern England, London announces, and bombs have been dropped in the county of Kent. A German airplane previously dropped bombs at Westgate.

Another British torpedo boat destroyer has been sunk as a result of striking a mine in the English channel. It is believed that 29 members of the crew were lost in the disaster.

Atlanta, Ga., March, 16.—The Georgia railroad commission today granted permission to the Atlantic-Charlotte Air Line which is leased to the Southern, to issue $4,000,000 in bonds, the proceeds to be used in double tracking the line between Charlotte and Spartanburg. The bonds had been issued subject to action of the commission today.

NEGRO UNREST IS DISCUSSED

Co-Operation of White People in Remedying Present Unsatisfactory Conditions is Urged.

(By GEO. F. KING.)

Pertinent topics were discussed at the last day's sessions of the 48th annual session of the Wilmington district conference of the North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, which closed last night. The committee which reported on the state of the country elicited expressions from members of the conference which revealed the fact that the unrest among the colored people in the South is attributed to certain economic conditions: The lynching of negroes; not being able to receive justice in certain courts; poor school facilities for their children and the tendency to keep the masses of negroes in a state of poverty and ignorance which largely caused the high mortality rate among them.

The committee stated that the high cost of living and the low wages received by the masses of negroes are strong factors in causing the exodus of negroes from the South. Among those who spoke on the report were Drs. W. H. Capehart, A. J. Wilson, C. D. Carnes and Revs. D. L. Grady and Wesley Best. The speakers deplored the fact that conditions were such that at this particular time that thousands of honest progressive negroes are leaving the South and the speakers advised that those who owned farms and other properties should not dispose of same.

It seemingly was the consensus of opinion of the conference that the better element of both races should get together in every community and have a heart to heart conference over these conditions and work to ameliorate the conditions that are causing this unrest among negroes in every section of the South. One speaker referred to the tendency of most Southern communities to make the negro pay taxes for improvements in white residential sections and segregate the negro population to the extent that their properties depreciated in value; their lives are endangered by poor sanitary environments and their civic pride is being crushed because of the lack of interest manifested by the city officials in making the streets where the negroes live what any modern city should have.

The members of the conference expressed a sincere desire to have thousands of their people who are migrating to other sections of the country to remain South because the negro had made his most substantial progress in the South, and the delegates believed that there were remedies for present ills which would encourage the negro to remain South.

The committee in reporting on the condition of the public schools in part said: "Our public schools are not what they should be. Many of the rural school houses are old, dilapidated and unventilated buildings, thus endangering the health of our children. The terms of the public schools are too short, especially in the rural districts." The committee emphasized that there are localities where the school term is hardly two months and that the colored had to often suffer from having unqualified teachers who received meager salaries.

"There is a more important phase of this subject that should not be left unnoticed—the higher education of our race. In many instances our boys and girls attend the public school until they pass the school age and never get beyond the eighth grade and thus left alone in the world unprepared for future usefulness. We should ask for pro-rata share of the school funds and try to interest our people to supplement these amounts and establish higher schools wherever practicable," said the committee which caused interesting comments.

One speaker said that Peabody school, this city, had long become unfit for the results desired. He spoke of the absolute necessity for a new structure on the present site. Another delegate said that about 50 colored boys and girls had to leave this city annually to get a High School training and that meant an economic loss to the city of about $5,000 annually, as that amount had to be spent for matriculation fees and railroad fares. Dr. A. J. Wilson, pastor of St. Stephen's A. M. E. church, this city, made a strong plea for the better element of his race to help better these conditions and if necessary help finance a school that would give a higher training.

He was followed by Mrs. S. J. Smith, supervisor of colored rural schools in Pender county. She gave wholesome advice and asked the ministers to use their influence among their congregations to help the teachers and school authorities in making the rural schools what they should be. Drs. W. H. Capehart, G. D. Carnes, W. H. Moore, C. D. Hazel, Revs. A. L. Price, D. L. Grady and Is Grady were among the speakers on the report. The conference unanimously passed a resolution to the effect that every minister should upon his return home work among and inspire his people to make school conditions better.

Dr. J. A. Bonner, pastor of the colored Presbyterian church, this city, addressed the conference at the morning's session which was presided over by Presiding Elder D. L. Grady, of the Weldon district.

With Rev. A. L. Price, P. E., New Bern, presiding at yesterday afternoon's sessions, the conference voted to increase its missionary funds this year. Thos. H. Hooper and G. E. LeBoo, of Wilmington, were elected as lay delegates to the next annual conference. The district conference adjourned to meet next year at Southport. After the meeting of the Women's Missionary session, Rev. L. R. Pearce preached the missionary sermon.

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RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$ 5,345,743.25	Capital Stock	$ 1,000,000.00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	627,500.00	Surplus and Net Profits	730,702.33
Bank Building	475,000.00	Circulation	568,400.00
Bonds and other Securities	380,200.00	Special Deposit bonds	15,000.00
Liquidation Account Southern National Bank	11,383.42	Acceptances	699,556.87
Customers' Liability Acceptances	699,556.87	Re-Discounts	141,550.73
Cash and Due by Banks	2,130,258.00	Deposits	6,514,431.61
	$9,669,641.54		$9,669,641.54

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March 5th, 1916 ..... 5,895,791.42
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COTTON PRICES UNSETTLED

Market Affected by Railroad Situation and Developments in Russia—Spot Quoted at 18.00

New York, March, 16.—The cotton market was nervous and unsettled today but trading was not active and the fluctuations seemed chiefly the result of evening up committments pending further news from Russia or the outcome of the railroad situation. The general list closed steady net 10 points lower to 10 points higher.

The market opened at a decline of 1 to 13 points under liquidation inspired by nervousness over affairs in Russia and railroad troubles. July sold at 17.45 and October at 16.75 making a net decline of 7 to 15 points. Liverpool showed no great weakness while private cables reported quite a general feeling that the Russian revolution was favorable to the allied cause and prices soon steadied. There also appeared to be a more optimistic feeling over the railroad situation on the rally which carried the old crop back to within 3 or 4 points of last night's close, while the new crop sold about 5 points net higher during the middle of the afternoon. The advance was checked around 17.57 for July and 16.87 for October by a renewal of liquidation and later fluctuations were irregular.

	Open	High	Low	Close.
May	17.60	17.71	17.60	17.65
July	17.45	17.57	17.45	17.49
October	16.29	16.87	16.74	16.82
December	16.86	16.95	16.86	16.92
January	——	16.99	16.99	16.95

Spot quiet; middling 18.00.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.63; receipts 4,120; exports 6,818; sales 1,724; stock 421,254.

Galveston—Middling 17.90; receipts 4,967; sales 200; stock 271,272.

Mobile—Middling 18.00; stock 6,954.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 724; sales 10; stock 144,634.

Charleston—Middling 18.00; receipts 1,635; stock 37,311.

Wilmington—Middling 17⅞; receipts 109; stock 52,380.

Norfolk—Middling 17.88; receipts 1,305; sales 336; stock 101,586.

Baltimore—Receipts 130; stock 19,005.

Boston—Middling 17.95; receipts 49; stock 12,034.

Philadelphia—Middling 18.25; stock 2,810.

New York—Middling 18.00; exports 5,494; sales 200; stock 146,310.

Minor Ports—Receipts 2,661; stock 39,463.

Atlanta (semi-weekly)—Stock 72,627.

Total today—Receipts 15,702; exports 12,312; stock 1,255,010.

Total for week—Receipts 69,904; exports 35,282.

Total for season—Receipts 6,049,396; exports 4,194,561.

Interior movement.

Houston—Middling 17.75; receipts 3,310; shipments 5,240; sales 844; stock 134,828.

Memphis—Middling 18.00; receipts 4,023; shipments 5,285; sales 1,600; stock 355,456.

Augusta—Middling 18.50; receipts 546; shipments 1,020; sales 198; stock 110,826.

St. Louis—Middling 18.00; receipts 652; shipments 652; sales 5; stock 38,918.

Cincinnati—Receipts 1,795; shipments 1,827; stock 22,587.

Little Rock—Middling 17.63; receipts 228; shipments 675; sales 675; stock 35,146.

Dallas—Middling 17.30; sales 641.

Montgomery—Middling 18.50; sales 1,182.

Total today—Receipts 10,554; shipments 14,703; stock 697,561.

HESTER'S WEEKLY STATEMENT.

Comparisons are to actual dates, not to close of corresponding weeks. In thousands bales:

In sight for week, 93.

In sight same seven days last year, 159.

In sight for the month, 232.

In sight same date last year, 347.

In sight for season, 11,037.

In sight same date last year, 10,371

Port receipts for seasons, 6,049.

Port receipts same date last year, 5,929.

Overland to mills and Canada for season, 1,053.

Overland same date last year, 948.

Southern mill takings for season, 3,300.

Southern mill takings same date last year, 2,922.

Interior stocks ain excess of August 1st, 635.

Interior stocks last year, 572.

Foreign exports for week, 35.

Foreign exports same seven days last year, 118.

Foreign exports for season, 4,195.

Foreign exports same date last year, 3,752.

Northern spinners' takings and Canada for week, 43.

Northern spinners' takings same seven days last year, 71.

Northern spinners' takings for season, 2,024.

Northern spinners' takings to same date last year, 2,287.

Statement of World's Visible Supply.

Total visible this week, 4,541.

Total visible last week, 4,583.

Total visible same date last year, 5,594.

Of this the total American this week, 3,576.

Total American last week, 3,655.

Total American last year, 3,959.

All other kinds this week, 965.

All other kinds last week, 928.

All other kinds last year, 1,635.

Visible in the United States this week, 2,211.

Visible in the United States this date last year, 2,400.

Visible in other countries this week, 2,330.

Visible in other countries this date last year, 3,194.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, March 16.—Cotton goods were very firm but less active today. Shirtings were advanced one-half and one cent a yard over the prices announced last Monday for spring lines. Yarns were firmer and coarse yarns higher. Wools were firm with a higher tendency. The ready-to-wear trade was active.

WEEKLY COTTON SUMMARY

Market Nervous and Irregular Due, Evidently, to Confusing Developments During Week.

New York, March 16.—The cotton trade evidently found several confusing features in the developments of the past week and the market has been nervous and irregular. The upward movement continued with May selling up to 18.10 on Monday. At this level, however, the market met considerable realizing, and May has since sold at 17.56 making a reaction of about 54 points from the best, with that delivering closing at 17.65 tonight.

The early week strength reflected continued covering by trade or speculative shorts in near months, bullish Southern spot advices, reports of delayed farm preparations east of the river and complaints of drought from the extreme southwast. As prices sagged off the selling became more active on the circulation of a few additional March notices, reports of increasing difficulty in securing ocean freight room for cotton shipments, and toward the end of the week sentiment was nervous and unsettled owing to the threat of a railroad strike and the revolution in Russia. At times during the week there was talk of Southern hedge selling on bulges. Otherwise, however, the selling has been chiefly attributed to scattering liquidation while trade interests were credited with buying old crop months on the decline.

MARINE.

Cleared.

Str. Cherokee, Bunnell, New York, C. J. Becker, agent.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 3,288 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, March 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—44c.

ROSIN—Nominal.

TAR—$2.80-13c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal. and $2.50.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 49½c; rosin, $5.00, $4.80; tar, $1.90-9c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75 and $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine .....(—)

Rosin .....(—)

Tar 46

Crude Turpentine .....(—)

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, (—) casks; rosin, (—) barrels; tar, 43 barrels; crude turpentine, 2 barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—17¾c; same day last year, 11⅝c.

Receipts—30 bales; same day last year, 176 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 78,887 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 151,862 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

March 16, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—30 bales cotton; 23 barrels tar.

Str. Hurt—13 barrels tar.

Total—30 bales cotton; 36 barrels tar.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchaze price quoted by W. J. Meredith, March 16.)

SWEET POTATOES — Yams, 75c. to 85c. bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 to $2.25 per bu.

CORN—$1.20 to $1.22½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—10c to 12c per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 35c; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Hams, 20c.; sides and shoulders, 16c to 17c per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY — Turkeys, 20c. on foot; dressed, 25c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—20c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, March 16.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $1.40; No. 1, machine, $1.35 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 88c; fancy hand picked, 80c; No. 1 machine picked, 75c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.40; Jumbos, $1.35 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co. Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., March 16.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market firm, $1.65 per bushel.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy jumbo, 5c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¾c per lb.; Prime, 4½c per lb.; Shelling stock, 3½ to 4¼c per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York, March 16.—Short covering and scattered buying on the strength in competing products and hogs put cotton seed oil higher today. July opened at 13.51, sold up to 13.60, and closed at 13.58 bid. Final net gains were 6 to 17 points. Sales 20,600 barrels.

The market closed strong. Spot 13.50 bid; March 13.57 to 13.30; April 13.54 to 13.60; May 13.61 to 13.63; June 13.58 to 13.62; July 13.58 to 13.59; August 13.58 to 13.59; September 13.57 to 13.60; October 13.03 to 13.05.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Ga., March 16.—Turpentine quiet, 44c; sales none; receipts 3; shipments 159; stock 12,734.

Rosin—Firm; sales 503; receipts 100; shipments 975; stock 80,035. Quote: A B C D E F G H I K, 5.50; M N WG WW, 6.20.

STOCKS DISPLAY STRENGTH

Railroad Strike Order and the Political Upheaval in Russia are Received With Calmness

New York, March, 16.—The calmness with which Wall Street today accepted the railroad strike order and the upheaval in Russia was regarded as strong proof of the market's inherent strength. The market at no time was weak although frequently irregular. Rails were sluggish but developed strength in the final hour.

Rates on Petrograd held at or slightly above recent levels. Marks were lower and sterling and francs were steady.

Shares of companies operating on large contracts for the Russian government were not adversely affected while some issues of that group were unusually active and strong. Bethlehem Steel's new stock making a gross gain of 4 3-4 points at 120 3-4.

United States Steel and kindred industrials made steady progress toward higher prices, steel showing an extreme gain of 1 3-8 at 111 7-8. Virginia Coal and Iron rose 5 points to 64.

Activity in coppers was restricted to Utah and Kennecott. Motors and accessories figured to a fair degree in the late session activity.

Shippings, except Marine preferred, which rose almost 3 points to 30 were uneven with minor equipments.

Bonds were barely steady on narrow dealings, Internationals again being subjected to pressure. Total sales, par value, aggregated $3,125,000.

United States bonds were unchanged on call.

NEW YORK STOC KLIST.

Allis Chalmers	27
American Beet Sugar	91¾
American Can	46¾
American Car & Foundry	66
American Cotton Oil	42½
American Locomotive	71
American Smelting	105⅝
American Sugar	111⅝
American Tel. & Tel.	127
American Tobacco	210
American Zinc	37
Anaconda Copper	84⅜
Atchison	102½
Atlantic Coast Line	115
Baldwin Locomotive	53
Baltimore & Ohio	75⅝
Bethlehem Steel	133
Canadian Pacific	154
Central Leather	91¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	58½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	82
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	37
Colorado Fuel & Iron	47⅝
Consolidated Gas	119¾
Corn Products	24⅛
Crucible Steel	66⅝
Cuba Cane Sugar	42⅞
Erie	26¾
General Electric, ex div.	163¾
Great Northern pfd	113⅞
Great Northern Ore ctfs	35
Goodrich	56
Illinois Central	103
Inspiration Copper	60⅛
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	80
International Nickel	42⅝
International Paper	44¾
Kansas City Southern	27¼
Kennecott Copper	46
Lehigh Valley	67⅝
Louisville & Nashville	124
Liggett & Myers	250
Lorillard Co., ex div.	300
Maxwell Motors	56¼
Mexican Petroleum	88
National Lead	55¼
New York Central	95
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	43⅝
Norfolk & Western	129¼
Northern Pacific	103⅜
Pennsylvania	53⅜
Ray Consolidated Copper	28⅞
Reading	95½
Republic Iron & Steel	86⅜
Seaboard Air Line	13¾
Seaboard Air Line pfd	31½
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	64⅞
Studebaker Corporation	102
Southern Pacific	94½
Southern Railway	28
Southern Railway pfd	58
Tennessee Copper	16⅞
Texas Company, ex div.	227
Union Pacific	137⅞
United Fruit	142
United States Rubber	59¾
United States Steel	111⅜
United States Steel pfd	117⅞
Utah Copper	114¼
Virginia Caro. Chem.	41
Wabash pfd "B"	24⅝
Western Union	98
Westinghouse Electric	51⅛
Missouri Pacific w.i.	29¼

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New Orleans, March 16.—A depression of 19 to 45 points on the active months was caused in the cotton market today by the Russian revolution but heavy buying met the decline and prices were lifted within 3 to 5 points of yesterday's close. Later the market was affected by the railroad situation and prices fell off, the close being at a net loss of 8 to 14 points.

Many traders regarded the early slump as uncalled for because they considered the Russian news had no direct bearing on cotton.

The gravity of the railroad news caused spot buyers to withdraw from the market and the contract ring missed the reports of a good spot demand.

The market closed: May 17.15; July 17.03; October 16.40; December 16.49; January 16.57.

Spot steady and unchanged; sales on the spot 1,624 bales; to arrive 100 bales; middling 17.63.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 16.—Hogs, strong, 10 to 15c above yesterday's average; bulk 14.65 to 14.90; light 14.15 to 14.90; mixed 14.40 to 15.05; heavy 14.40 to 15.10; rough 14.40 to 14.55; pigs 10.75 to 13.25.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 9.00 to 12.60; stockers and feeders 6.80 to 9.75; cows and heifers 5.70 to 10.75; calves 10.00 to 14.25.

Sheep—Unsettled; wethers 1.00 to 12.65; ewes 8.75 to 12.25; lambs 12.35 to 14.85.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, March 16.—Raw sugar, steady; centrifugal 5.33; molasses 4.46; refined steady; fine granulated 7.00 to 8.00.

Butter—Steady.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot dull; Rio 7s, 9¼c; Santos 4s, 10c.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

March 17, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 47 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum, 46 degrees; mean, 50 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, 1.35 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 8.7 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Rain and warmer Satrday; Sunday fair, colder.

The Port Calendar, March 17, 1917.

Sun rises .....6:20 A. M.
Sun sets .....6:21 P. M.
Day's length .....12 hrs. 1 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M	P.M.	Low water. A.M	P.M.
Wilmington	4:29	4:47	12:03	12:00
Southport	1:53	2:18	8:41	8:52
Masonboro Inlet	1:42	2:07	8:21	8:32

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

March 16, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	clear	62	48	.0
Asheville	cldy	50	38	.06
Atlanta	clear	53	52	.14
Augusta	cldy	70	52	.0
Baltimore	pt cldy	50	..	.0
Birmingham	cldy	78	56	.0
Boston	clear	48	32	.0
Charleston	cldy	62	58	.0
Charlotte	rain	42	48	.02
Chicago	cldy	40	30	.04
Galveston	cldy	76	68	.0
Jaxville	clear	84	62	.0
Memphis	cldy	66	50	1.22
Mobile	cldy	76	66	.0
Montgomery	clear	80	53	.0
N. Orleans	pt cldy	82	70	.0
New York	clear	46	32	.0
Oklahoma	clear	52	36	.0
Palestine	pt cldy	64	62	.50
Pittsburg	clear	50	30	.0
Raleigh	cldy	46	40	.02
Savannah	cldy	72	58	.0
Shreveport	cldy	74	64	.08
St. Louis	clear	64	42	.20
Washington	clear	52	32	.0

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, March 16.—Renewal of hopes that the railway strike would be averted led to a rally in wheat prices this afternoon, offsetting to a large extent depression which resulted from orders that the walk-out of employes begin on Saturday evening. The market closed unsettled, ranging from 1⅛ net lower to 3c advance, with May at 1.82¾ to 1.83 and July at 1.54⅞ to 1.55⅛. Corn gained ⅝ to 1⅛, and oats ½ to ¾. In provisions the outcome varied from 2½ decline to a rise of 10c.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.82⅝; July 1.54⅞.

Corn—May 1.09; July 1.07½.

Oats—May 58⅛; July 56½.

Pork—May 32.95; July 32.25.

Lard—May 19.02; July 19.00.

Ribs—May 17.45; July 17.52.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red nominal; No. 3 red 1.88; No. 2 hard and No. 3 hard, nominal.

Corn—No. 2 yellow 1.07¾ to 1.09; No. 3 yellow 1.07 to 1.09¼; No. 4 yellow 1.06 to 1.07.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET.

New York, March 16.—Mercantile paper 4 to 4¼. Sterling 60 day bills 4.71; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70¾; demand 4.75½; cables 4.76½. Bar silver 73; Mexican dollars 56¾. Government bonds and railroad bonds, steady. Time loans, steady; 60 days 3¼ to 3½; 90 days 3½ to 3¾; six months 3¾ to 4. Call money steady; ruling rate 2.

BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, March 16.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

"Though confronted by unsettled elements born of the threatened strike of railway hands and high prices of all commodities, current trade continues of large volume, buying being larger than at this time last year. A sifting of the reports discloses a tendency toward conservatism in lines other than iron and steel. Merchants in general evidently aim to guard against stocking up with high-priced merchandise.

"Weekly bank clearings, $5,387,096,000."

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, March 16.—Spot cotton easier; good middling 12.18; middling 12.08; low middling 11.90. Sales 5,000 bales; 500 for speculation and export; receipts 20,000 bales.

Futures quiet and steady, closing: March 11.61; March and April 11.55; April and May 11.49; May and June 11.45; June and July 11.33; July and August 11.31; August and September 11.15; September and October 10.90; October and November 10.78; November and December 10.68; December and January 10.65; January and February 10.62; February and March 10.61; March and April 10.60.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, March 16.—Beeves, firm; steers 9.50 to 10.25; bulls 7.00 to 10.50; cows 4.50 to 8.50; tops 9.00 to 9.15.

Calves—Firm; veals 12.50 to 16.00; culls 5.00 to 6.50; lambs 14.50 to 15.50.

Hogs—Steady; light to heavy 14.00 to 15.25; pigs 13.00 to 13.75; rough 13.00.

Trinity Debaters Meet Swarthmore

Trinity College, March 16.—A. B. Farmer, of Bailey; R. L. Fisher, of Gatesville, and H. C. Greenberg, of Durham, left yesterday for Philadelphia where they will represent Trinity in the third of a series of debates with Swarthmore College this evening, defending the negative side of the compulsory arbitration question. Trinity lost the debate to Swarthmore in 1915 and won from the Pennsylvania college in 1916. Great interest, therefore, is centered in the outcome of the contest this evening.

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DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 8:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.
No. 57 7:00 P. M. Daily except Sunday	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate points.	No.58 9:25 A. M. Daily except Sunday

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager. T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	z17:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:20 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	z19:05 A.M.	19:15 A.M.	19:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	10:20 A.M.	10:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
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3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
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o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:10 P.M.	6:21 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	3:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 o 5:45 P. M.

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o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

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DEPARTURE OF TRAINS.

No. 13.—8:50 P. M., Charlotte and intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car to Charlotte.

No. 19.—8:00 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper to Charlotte; open 10:00 P. M.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS.

No. 14.—12:30 P. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Pullman Parlor Car.

No. 20.—12:10 A. M., Charlotte and Intermediate points. Sleeper may be occupied until 7:00 o'clock A. M.

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ATLANTA, GA. $18.35
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 18th.

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On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 6th on payment 50c.

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STRIKE VOTE OF LAST YEAR NOT BINDING NOW

At Least Some of the Voters Do Not Consider It

At Rocky Mount no Orders Have Been Received and Everything Is Going Along as Usual—Neither Side Excited

(Special Star Correspondence)

Rocky Mount, N. C., March, 16.—With no embargo having been declared so far as freight and freight shipments are concerned, and with the officers of the brotherhoods declaring that they are without strike orders and any real knowledge of an order to discontinue serving their employers, much of the pending strike on the Atlantic Coast Line is thus far only in the newspapers—is the general view of the situation at this division terminal and district headquarters. It was authoratively stated today by men whose declarations could hardly be impugned that the brotherhoods have nothing whatever to keep from the public in the matter of a strike order and that at this time none had been received here and that there would be no objections so far as is now known to giving out the fact.

On the other hand the official circle and operative heads give little or no indication that there is any dread of a strike next week and shipments of any and every kind regardless of place of delivery are being received just as in normal times. It doesn't take a very close observer to note that there is not near the anxiety and interest on either side, or the preparation in fact, that was in evidence last September.

In the matter of loyalty to their brotherhood obligations and abeyance of an order to stop work if one may be received there is little comment heard, though it is openly stated that the men who six months ago voted for a strike—some of them at least—do not consider that that vote binds them at this time and that no vote had been taken is openly stated. There are a number of mitigating circumstances that will enter into the strike if one is called and it is difficult to determine at this stage as to the loyalty of the men.

MEMORABLE OCCASION FOR THE CITY OF GREENSBORO

Dr. Francis E. Clark, Famous Endeavorer, to Speak Wednesday

(Special Star Correspondence)

Greensboro, N. C., March, 16.— Next Wednesday evening, March 21st, will be a memorable occasion for the city of Greensboro, when it welcomes within its limits Dr. Francis, E. Clark, the illustrious founder of the Christian Endeavor movement. It is now 36 years since Dr. Clark inscribed the name of Christian Endeavor on the pages of Christian history, and during that time he has risen from the humble post of a Maine pastor to a commanding eminence in the enriched fields of Christianity, and is hailed as the greatest ecclesiastical statesman of the century.

And the Society which he founded in his church in Portland, Me., has grown to a membership of 4,000,000 young people in 80,000 Societies. Fifty thousand of these societies are in the U. S. In other countries there are 30,000. No lines of demarcation between either countries or creeds have halted the spread of C. E. influence. Concerning this marvellous growth, Dr. Clark says, "When we founded little Williston Society of Portland, Me., little did we think that it would grow to such a great interdenominational body, but it was God's will and God's work.

Six years ago Dr. Clark began a new era in his life, and therefore a new era in C. E., when, leaving his work in this country to the brilliant leaders whom he had developed, he set himself to the task of advancing the movement in the old World. His visits to Europe and the Orient have been as rain from heaven on the young C. E. Societies of those foreign lands, whose original root is in this country.

As President of the United Society of C. E. and of the World's C. E. Union, Dr. Clark does not accept a salary, but maintains himself and pays his traveling expenses from country to country with the aid of his pen. Since the first of the year, he and Mrs. Clark have been resting and recuperating in Florida as the guests of the Endeavorers of Dixie.

While no longer young in years, Dr. Clark is well preserved, and his eyes seem to sparkle and to reflect the inner fires. Says the Philadelphia "Press" "When he speaks, one does not hear so much as see. His voice is ringing, but it seems rather to show the way to his heart and mind than to lose itself on the ear of the listener." Comparatively few Endeavorers of N. C., have ever seen this their beloved leader, whom, however, they have learned to admire and love through his writings, so that they will embrace with great eagerness the opportunity of next Wednesday evening.

SOUTH'S ACREAGE IN EARLY POTATOES GREATLY INCREASED

Washington, March 16.—Scarcity and high prices of potatoes have stimulated planting of early potatoes in the South. Increased acreage is reported from practically all sections except in eastern Texas, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

This year's planting in the six early potato states—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Texas—shows an increase of about 17 per cent. In those states 188,000 acres have been planted compared with 161,000 acres last year.

Fayetteville's Building Record.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 16.—Two hundred and twenty-six thousand dollars was the total of the building operations in Fayetteville during the year 1916, according to figures compiled by Building Inspector J. G. Jernigan. There were 65 building permits, averaging $3,476.92.

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14 N. C. POSTMASTERS PASS UNDER THE ROPE

Eligibles Hereafter to be Named by Civil Service Commission

President Wilson Committed to Plan of Having All Postmasters Under Civil Service—Overman Opposed To Plan

(Special Star Telegram)

Washington, D. C., March, 16.—The Senate shortly before adjournment today confirmed fourteen North Carolina postmasters, thereby giving them four years in office without the embarrassment of having to stand a civil service examination. They are:

Ben K. Lassiter, at Oxford; Edward K. Morris, at Creedmore; Edgar McCulloch, Jr., at Elizabethtown; George L. Taylor, at Fletcher; W. T. Potts, at Highlands; Joseph B. Colvard, at Jefferson; William H. Lane, at Leaksville; H. Roy Martin, at Mayodan; Albert R. Bauman, at Montreat; Archie J. Sykes, at Pomona; Annie K. Brown, at Red Springs; Lewis B. McBrayer, at Sanatorium; D. D. Daniel, at Southport; William C. Allen, Jr., at Sunburst.

All other appointments made to fill vacancies as postmasters must be made by the Civil Service Commission who will certify three names from the list of eligibles secured through competitive examinations. At least this will be done until Congress takes action to prevent the selection of postmasters by the Civil Service Commission. Such action will be taken during the coming session of Congress, according to Democratic senators who are in close touch with the situation here.

Overman Sees Burleson

Senator Overman spent an hour or more with Postmaster General Burleson today in an effort to find out just what the new order of the President will mean. Aside from the fact that it will include every postmaster in the United States, he was unable to get any definite understanding as to the scope of the new system. There is not the slightest doubt, however, that the President's order will take in first, second, and third class postmasters. All other classes have already been put under civil service regulations.

Senator Overman said that the proposed plan should never be put into operation. He thinks the competitive examination plan will cause nothing but confusion and trouble. He thinks also that the plan, if put into effect, will be at least an indirect violation of the constitution.

Friends of Senator Overman reminded him today of his effort in putting through the amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing that all postmasters should be legislated under civil service. Senator Overman passed the amendment through the Senate but the House threw a dozen fits when it came over there and defeated it by a large majority.

Wilson's Position

It now develops that President Wilson sent for Senator Overman and told him that he had promised to put all postmasters under civil service and if he would pass the amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill all postmasters now serving would be able to hold their places regardless of age or politics during good behavior in office.

If this amendment failed, the President told the North Carolina Senator, he would issue an executive order which would force every postmaster to take a competitive examination at the expiration of their present terms. Senator Overman was impressed with what the President said and went so far as to get the Civil Service Commission to give an opinion as to whether the men who have passed the civil service age limit would be retained if they were legislated under the civil service. An opinion was rendered saying that these old men and all others would be retained.

It has come to light also that the President is on record with the Civil Service League favoring competitive examinations for all postmasters. During the last campaign the President wrote a letter to the president of the League in which he promised if re-elected to issue an executive order putting all postmasters under the civil service. Therefore, there is little if any doubt that he will make good his pledge. Indeed, he has told Senator Overman that he intends to keep his word to the letter. F. R. A.

CASHIER THOMAS OF BEAUFORT BANK GIVEN TWO YEAR TERM

Beaufort, N. C., March, 16.—Thomas Thomas, former cashier of the Bank of Beaufort and treasurer of Carteret county, convicted of embezzling county and bank funds, was sentenced today to serve two years in the penitentiary. Discovery of Thomas' shortages was made last August.

Says Big Eaters Get Kidney Trouble

Take a Glass of Cold Water and Kidneco to Flush Kidneys if Back Hurts

Quit All Meat Diet if You Feel Rheumatic or Bladder Bothers.

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble, because we eat too much and all our food is rich. Our blood is filled with uric acid which the kidneys strive to filter out, they weaken from over-work, become sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead, your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night, if you suffer with sick headache or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or have rheumatism when the weather is bad, get from J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co., about one dozen kidneco tablets; take one with a glass of water before each meal for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous remedy is made from perfectly harmless ingredients and acts quickly and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys; to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

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Benson Company Chartered

Raleigh, March, 16.—The Star Manufacturing Company, of Benson, Johnston county, capitalized at $50,000, was chartered today by the Secretary of State. The company proposes to manufacture lumber and wooden articles and deal in farm implements and supplies.

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WOOD — A NICE LOAD OF GOOD, dry, split pine, $1.35 per load, delivered. Columbus Wood Yard. 'Phone 815-W. mh16-2t*

WANTED—A YOUNG MAN OF NEAT appearance to sell on trains; $10.00 cash bond required. Apply at Union News Co. mh 17-1t

THE BEST LOCATION—ON TOP OF the hill at Fifth and Market street, is the Carolina Apartment House. This modern building is a delightful place to live. Every apartment filled but two—we will be glad to show these to you. J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate and Insurance agents. mh 17-1t

FRESH SHAD ROE EVERY DAY— Dressed chickens, dressed to your order. Extra nice beef, veal and pork. Fancy oranges; all kind of vegetables. Fresh New River oysters. Phone 72, Batson's Meat Market. mh 14-1t

DESIRABLE BEACH COTTAGE FOR sale. Located nearest station 1. Lot 45 by 100. See J. Irving Bear, care Bear Produce & Mdse. Co. mh 7-tf

NEW WAY MARKET—"SATURDAY was named in honor of Saeter, who is the Roman Saturnus. He was represented on a pedestal standing on the back of a prickly fish called a perch, his head bare, with a thin, meager face. In his left hand he held a wheel and in his right a pail of water with fruits and flowers. The sharp fins of the fish implied that the worshipers of Saeter should pass safely through every difficulty. The wheel was emblematic of their unity and freedom, and the pail of water implied that he could water the earth and make it more beautiful." The New Way Market stands on the corner of Front and Market streets ready to supply you with the following at the lowest possible cost: 300 dressed chickens, broilers and roasting size; 50 extra nice turkeys, fresh eggs, 25 cents; cheese, smoked tongue, veal roast, 20 cents; veal chops, 23 cents; pork chops, pork roast, peppered hams, fresh hams, spare ribs, calf liver, sliced bacon, sirloin steak, Hamburg steak, two pounds, 35 cents; beef roast, Berkshire sausage, vegetables: new beets, eggplants, spinach, parsley, endive, tomatoes, lettuce, carrots, radishes, asparagus, cabbage, celery, peppers, leaks, onions, green onions, turnip salad, new green peas, new turnips, mushrooms, cucumbers, green beans, fancy head rice, yams. Fruits: oranges, grape fruit, strawberries, apples, Starke, gillflowers, Spitzenberg; also a lot of other vegetables and fruits to arrive on the Southern train due here about 2 o'clock. If the weather is so you cannot get out just use Phones 816 and 817 and you are assured the best of everything just the same as if you selected it yourself. Strawberries! Strawberries! Strawberries. mh 17-1t

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Furniture and Fixtures	10,034.54	Customers' Acceptances	57,900.00
Bonds and Securities	165,441.48	Bills Payable	140,000.00
Customers' Acceptances	82,750.00	Deposits, Banks...$370,470.82	
Cash and Due from Banks	444,634.21	Individuals, 1,454,- 730.89	2,325,201.71
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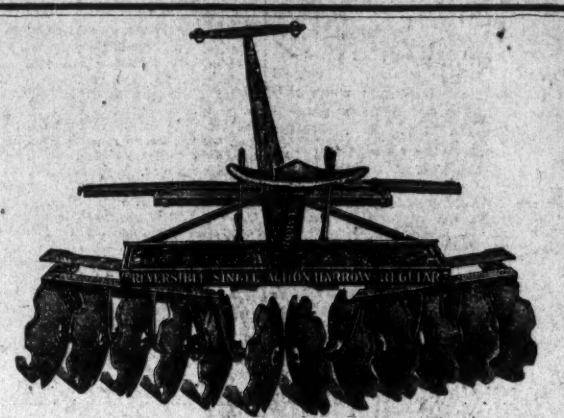

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